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Handover of weapons to top agenda

Major to see Sinn Fein as talks begin

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WATT

JOHN Major brought the IRA in from the cold yesterday by inviting its political wing, Sinn Fein, to start talks with the Government in Belfast next Wednesday.

Twenty-five years after the IRA began its present offensive against Britain, it emerged that the Prime Minister himself will be sitting down with Sinn Fein representatives later this month at a conference to encourage investment in Northern Ireland.

The announcement of the exploratory talks came exactly three months after the start of the IRA ceasefire and means the first official negotiations between the Government and Sinn Fein for 22 years.

At the same time President Clinton, who welcomed the decision to open talks, named the retiring Democratic leader in the Senate, George Mitchell, as his special adviser for economic initiatives in Ireland. He said Mr Mitchell, also a contender for the post of baseball commissioner, would supervise American efforts to promote investment in Northern Ireland and would oversee a White House conference on the subject in Philadelphia in April.

Britain is insisting that its demand for the IRA to turn in its weapons and explosives will be high on the agenda when the exploratory talks, designed to pave the way for Sinn Fein to enter full-scale negotiations about Ulster's future, get under way. But it appears likely to be rebuffed. Martin McGuinness, who will lead the Sinn Fein delegation, repeated yesterday that weapons would be handed over only as part of an overall settlement.



Ex-Senator Mitchell: US adviser on Ireland — and baseball contender

He also made plain that he regards the talks as full-scale negotiations. "As far as we are concerned, this is the beginning of negotiations. The British will use their terms, but most right-thinking people will recognise that we are now into a new situation."

The invitation to Sinn Fein came in a letter from a senior Downing Street official faxed to Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein president. The government team at the talks, to be held in the Stormont parliament building, will be led by Quentin Thomas, a senior official at the Northern Ireland Office. Separate talks with loyalist representatives will start shortly afterwards.

British ministers and officials emphasised that Sinn Fein would not be given a seat at full-blown political talks until the IRA had handed over its guns and explosives. Michael Ancram, the Northern Ireland minister, said discussions on the future governance of the province must be held by "parties who are there on an equivalent basis". He told MPs: "Obviously, in that regard, the decommissioning of arms is a very important element."

But Mr McGuinness, one of the key republican strategists, said: "The issue of arms has to be seen in the context of us removing the causes of conflict, the reason why people use armed force in our society." Also, he criticised the cautious response to the ceasefire, saying it was unfortunate that the Government "have been dragged screaming to this point".

In what appeared to be a fresh concession, Sir Patrick Mayhew, Northern Ireland Secretary, said yesterday that the Government would invite local councillors, including representatives of Sinn Fein, to the conference in Belfast that aims to attract investment to Northern Ireland. Earlier this week Sir Patrick had given the impression that Sinn Fein would be excluded from the conference, on December 13-14, which will be attended by Ron Brown, the US Commerce Secretary.

The exploratory talks with Sinn Fein will largely cover administrative matters on the venue and timing of the negotiations proper, expected to begin in the new year. Once talks get under way there is little chance of a meeting of minds between the two sides. Gerry Adams made clear last week that Sinn Fein's aim is to end British jurisdiction while Mr Major has given a "rock-solid constitutional pledge" that he will uphold the will of the majority of the people in the province.

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, condemned the decision to open talks. He said there would be resentment if the Government held full-scale talks while the "men of blood" kept their "killing machine" intact. However, John Taylor, Ulster Unionist MP, said the time was right to enter the next phase of the peace initiative.

Andrew Hunter, chairman of the Tory Northern Ireland committee, called for a government assurance that "there will be no surrender of principle, no appeasement" and it would not "fete or flatter" Mr McGuinness or Mr Adams "and their henchmen".

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MICHAEL POWELL



The Times has been given the first glimpse of Canova's *The Three Graces* since it was stored in 1990 while the battle raged over its ownership. Here it is being checked at the Victoria and Albert Museum where it goes on show on December 12

Man, 82, who shot burglar ordered to pay him £4,000

BY BILL FROST

A MAN aged 82 who shot a burglar who was trying to break into his allotment shed was ordered to pay him £4,000 damages yesterday.

Ted Newbery, a former miner, had been sleeping in the shed to try to stop vandals destroying his allotment. He fired through a hole in the door when he heard voices outside.

Mark Revill, 28, was hit in the chest and arm by 50 shotgun pellets as he tried to smash his way into the shed with an accomplice. They had gone there to steal, knowing that the pensioner had a television set and a washing machine in the shed, Nottingham High Court was told.

Mr Newbery, of Ilkeston, Derbyshire, had been cleared earlier by Derby Crown Court of deliberately injuring Revill after he told the court he had fired the shot as a warning because he feared for his safety. Revill served a four-month jail sentence for offences including the attempted burglary of Mr Newbery's allotment shed in 1988.

Mr Newbery had been sleeping in the shed over a four-year period because of vandalism, the High Court was told yesterday. Brian Escott-Cox, QC, for the pensioner, said: "The first thing Mr Newbery heard was a loud banging on the door and then voices saying along the lines of, 'If the old bastard's in there, we will do him.'

"He was absolutely terrified; he feared for his life. His judgment was likely to be severely impaired, but in an understandable and legally forgivable way. An ordinary, decent citizen knowing that a man of advanced years fired a gun to scare away two burglars who were attacking the hut and threatening him with extensive injuries would be affronted by the burglars getting compensation." Mr Escott-Cox told the court.



Newbery: "What I did was not wrong"



Revill: shooting ruined his life

Mr Justice Rougier ruled that Mr Newbery had acted out of all proportion to the threat. He said that Mr Newbery had been negligent when he fired the unlicensed shotgun. "It was a highly dangerous thing to do, but in part fear had clouded his judgment, although I think he was carrying out a preconceived contingency plan. To place a shotgun through a hole in the door, thereby losing one's ability to see, constitutes negligence amounting to recklessness."

Outside the court Mr Newbery said: "It has been a real

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Council tax rises by twice inflation rate

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

COUNCIL taxes are set to rise by at least 4.5 per cent next year, double the rate of inflation, after one of the toughest spending settlements for local councils in 20 years, the Government conceded yesterday.

Ministers admitted that next year's grant to local councils, which represents a cash cut from this year, had assumed a 4.5 per cent jump in rates, adding about £25 to an average bill.

But Labour and local councils argued last night that bills would have to go up by at least 6 per cent to protect services after the cash squeeze, equal to a 2.6 per cent reduction in real terms. Frank Dobson, Labour's environment spokesman, claimed that the cut would put pressure on public services, forcing schools to get rid of teachers and increase class sizes.

"This is a bad deal for council-tax payers all over England. Next year they will pay more and get less," he said, claiming that taxpayers would have to pay an extra £2.8 billion in council tax in the next three years. Local councils predicted job losses and cuts in services, while Tory MPs spoke of teaching redundancies.

Announcing the provisional figures for local authorities, John Gummer, the Secretary of the Environment, also gave details of much tougher capping rules. Councils will only be able to spend an extra 0.5 per cent above the ceilings set by the Government.

He emphasised that he could not predict levels next year. "Council tax levels will vary widely, depending on the spending decisions of each local authority and its performance in collecting the tax," he said.

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US may send troops for Bosnia rescue

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton is prepared to commit American ground forces to assist in any United Nations evacuation from Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Pentagon, said to have been making contingency plans in the event that UN commanders request American help, is liaising with Nato. Officials say this could include the deployment of thousands of troops for several months, but Mr Clinton has not decided on the extent of possible participation.

The evacuation plans were revealed as Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and Alain Juppé, his French counterpart, were preparing to intensify the peace effort in talks with President Milosevic of Serbia in Belgrade on Sunday. The following day's Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe summit in Budapest will go ahead only if progress is made at Contact Group meeting in Brussels this evening. Speaking after a day of tense talks with fellow Nato foreign ministers in Brussels yesterday, Mr Hurd said: "Everyone agreed that the test of Nato is not whether it solves the Bosnian crisis but whether it gets on with the job for which it was founded — a collective security organisation capable of defending its members against attack". Earlier Mr Hurd said it was time for the allies to put the "turbulence" behind them.

The White House wants UN forces to remain in Bosnia, thereby avoiding the need for American intervention, but officials recognise that the intransigence of the Bosnian Serbs may force peacekeepers to leave. Dee Dee Myers, the White House spokeswoman, said American troops would almost certainly be involved in such an evacuation.

Robert Dole, the incoming Senate majority leader, said during a visit to London this week that he would not be prepared to commit lives to a region in which there was no American national interest.

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Tugs race to stake a claim on stricken liner

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE race was on last night to salvage the stricken £20 million *Achille Lauro* which is listing in a pall of smoke in the Indian Ocean. At least three tugboats were heading for the 24,000-ton liner to assess the chances of towing her to port or simply beaching her.

Half of the value of the 47-year-old cruise ship is reinsured through Lloyd's of London. Smaller tugs are expected to try to get a line on board if the fire burns out, even if only to remove the fuel remaining in the bunkers. But as details of the extent of the fire emerged, some big salvage companies expressed doubts. United Towing, from Hull, decided that the vessel was so damaged that any salvage money they could obtain would not cover the cost of repair.

The laws of salvage say that whoever gets a line on board a stricken ship does not automatically become its new owner. However, once it is abandoned, the owners must negotiate through their insurers with the tug that has a line on board. If the damaged ship is insured for more than its market value, it is in the owners' interests to allow it to sink.

A spokesman for Lloyd's said last night: "This was a very robust ship built for the Atlantic run. She has had constant re-fits over the years and could well be worth saving."

The Italian coastguard also speculated last night that the ship may not sink. "The upper decks collapsed internally in the fire and their weight has helped stabilise it at the position of its list," Ferdinando Lolli, a coastguard spokesman said. He added: "The ship has been abandoned. Anyone salvaging the ship has a claim to part of its value."

A spokesman for the Naples-based StarLauro said that tugs from its parent firm, the Mediterranean Shipping Company, were in the area.

Michael Buckley, a British lawyer who advises Lloyd's, speculated on whether the *Achille Lauro* had been technically abandoned. "Often a ship is evacuated by the crew but not with the intention of leaving it. If the fire dies down, they could reclaim it."

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Question of weather leaves party cold

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Is this as good as Tony Blair is going to get? The question will have nagged at a score of Labour backbenchers during Prime Minister's Questions yesterday.

It was not that Labour's new leader performed badly: he is never less than capable. It was just that, at the end of a dreadful week for the Government. Blair drew no blood. He lacked oomph.

For this is as good as John Major is going to get and the Commons knows it. His Dispatch Box style remains at best steady, at worst flat.

Asked by the Opposition leader about cold-weather payments for pensioners, Major assumed the tones of a BT directory inquiries recording and told him that the House had voted on this four times already. Minutes later he repeated the answer to another questioner.

One expected Blair to swing back with the indignant rejoinder that neither four nor forty hundred and forty-four cynically whipped divisions would warm a single elderly citizen's home, but no. Carefully written out in longhand was Blair's prepared second question. It was, er, *fine*, as they say — leaving the "but" unspoken.

The Labour Party were nursing a bruised conscience yesterday. They realise that their history of attacking grant-maintained schools sits awkwardly with their leader's decision to send his own child to one, and they do not like it. The cheer Blair received on entering the Chamber was his most subdued yet.

When a Tory backbencher (Jacques Arnold, Gravesham) raised the Blair family issue there was one shout of "shame", but Labour backbenchers knew they would have exploited a comparable Tory embarrassment. They felt uneasy.

In this, the Labour Party demonstrates a keener conscience than the Tories, who will make hay merrily with the hypocrisies of other parties while turning a blind eye to their own. But Labour knows how to blush. They were blushing yesterday.

John Major rubbed it in with a craftiness of which he is surprisingly capable when, adopting a saintly expression, he declined to join Mr Arnold in criticising Tony Blair. He would *never* criticise another for doing the best for his child, he said. It was just ... well, a *pity* ... if people then tried to deny their fellow citizens of the same chances in life.

Mr Blair did not come back for the third round to which he is entitled but sank back onto the bench, looking brittle, tense and cross.

It's a rough business, British politics. Nowhere rougher than in Northern Ireland where Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, needs the patience of Job. So much so that Sir Patrick has taken to quoting Job.

Yesterday afternoon it was Chapter V, verse 7. Eyes cast up in an expression of pious resignation, St Patrick told the Commons that Secretaries of State were "born to difficulties as the sparks fly upward".

Dear me. This does not augur well for the progress of talks still in their early stages. What new despair lies in store for St Patrick as they proceed? In my Bible, on the next page from where the passage he quoted appears, is a page entitled "Job complaineth of his life".

"*My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle and are spent without hope. O remember that my life is wind ...*"

"*I loathe it; I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days are vanity*".

Job comes to curse the day that he was born. Later, he curses the night that he was conceived. Sir Patrick is not there yet, but, on yesterday's showing, he soon will be.

Blair in dispute over son's education

Labour draws up policy to retain opt-out schools

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR and David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, are drawing up a Labour education policy that will retain existing grant-maintained schools but re-'ore a link with local cation authorities.

'e policy move was con- d last night after the ır leader was embroiled roversy over the disclo- ıat he had applied to is son to a grant- ned school. Gillian d, the Education Sec- proclaimed "another l-turn".

local government aid it was unfortu- Mr Blair had decid- send his son to one of "excellent and much local authority ". The biggest teaching aid it hoped Labour's ıon policy would not be nced by its leader's ıce of school for his son.

Mr Blunkett, who abandoned Labour's opposition to national school league tables two weeks ago, is also considering a shift in the party's policy on higher education funding, which is expected to include an acceptance of the principle of student loans.

The review of policy, expected to be unveiled early in the new year, will end what Labour sees as the preferential funding treatment given to grant-maintained schools. Mr Blunkett said last night that he planned to open discussions with all schools, including grant-maintained ones, to reach agreement on how they could operate in a "flexible and acceptable" framework.

The central funding of the schools is likely to end under Labour, but officials made plain that schools would retain powers to run their own budgets. Officials said the schools would not be brought under local authority "control" but there would be democratic influence over the way they were run and how they fitted into the schooling needs of an area.

Mr Blair reacted angrily yesterday when he was pressed about the decision over his son, Euan, 10. He hoped the choice of school would not become "some sort of political football to be kicked across the political divide".

He denied that he and his wife, Cherie, were acting hypocritically. "What is important is not to be saying you are denying other people the choice that you are going to make. I wouldn't do that," he said.

☐ Mr Blair edged closer to the idea of holding a referendum on Europe yesterday, arguing that the British people should be consulted about any big constitutional change.

Campaigning in Dudley for the forthcoming by-election, he suggested that if significant changes were agreed at the Inter-Governmental Conference in 1996, they should be put to the people. However he indicated that if there was a general election soon after the IGC, this would be regarded as a sufficient mandate to press ahead with changes.

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THE LONDON ORATORY SCHOOL

Touch of class at Catholic academy

BY LIN JENKINS

A GROUP of boys dressed in grey trousers, white shirts, ties and distinctive school blazers casually passed a rugby ball between them as they strolled down the road keeping one eye out for the teacher.

The pupils, who are soon to count Euan Blair, son of the Labour leader, among their number, were on their way back to the Roman Catholic London Oratory School, Fulham, from their playing fields on the other side of the Thames. The moment was brief. Pupils are not allowed out in school time. At lunchtime the gate is monitored and there is normally something to keep them entertained inside The 1,200 pupil school, whose headmaster is John McIntosh, 48, a former Government adviser on the national curriculum, was the first in London, and only the ninth in the country to opt to be grant maintained. Its pupils, who toil under the motto *Respice finem* [Look towards the end], come from 27 local authorities. Girls are taken only into the sixth form.

Keen competition for the 180 places this year brought 400 applications from 120 primary schools. Mr McIntosh said selection was by interview. "The principal criterion is Catholicity," he said.

Both in its academic record and its ambience London Oratory, a state comprehensive, resembles a public school. The school is strict on discipline. There is an emphasis on music, and the school has its own theatre. Rugby is promoted. Almost all sixth formers go on to university.

DES JENSON



John McIntosh, who maintains strict discipline

Man in the news

Quiet senator finds new life

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AT 61, George Mitchell is embarking on a new life. Yesterday he retired after 14 years in the Senate, the last six as its leader.

Later this month he marries a woman 25 years his junior and next month he will become President Clinton's special adviser for economic initiatives in in Northern Ireland. He is also a contender to become the next baseball commissioner.

It is an amazing upheaval for a mild-mannered, self-effacing man who, during his Senate years, has earned a reputation for dogged and meticulous perseverance but certainly not for flamboyance. Mr Mitchell was born to the son of an Irish immigrant and a Lebanese mother. He was a janitor, she a factory worker.

His three brothers became high-school basketball stars while he studied. He went to law school and started his political career by helping to manage Senator Edmund Muskie's 1972 presidential campaign.

He stood up to Oliver North during the the 1987 Iran-Contra hearings and was thus propelled into the Senate leadership in 1988. Mr Mitchell had divorced his first wife a year earlier but he had little life outside work and most weekends he spent with his brothers and sister in Maine.

Then, on March 4, Mr Mitchell stunned Washington by announcing that he would not seek re-election in November. The following month he turned down Mr Clinton's offer of a vacant Supreme Court seat. Then in May he announced his engagement to Heather MacLachlan, head of a New York sports marketing firm and former girlfriend of the Romanian tennis player Ion Tiriac.

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Burglar shot

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trauma for me over the past six years and it looks like I have become the victim now. I think it is unfair what has happened to me. I do not see why these criminals should be able to come round in the night and harass people."

After Revill served his jail sentence he was granted legal aid to bring a civil claim for damages for his injuries, which include impaired use of his right arm and the loss two fingers.

Mr Justice Rougier awarded Revill a total of £4,000 for his injuries and loss of earnings caused by them. A counter-claim by Mr Newbery, who sought damages from Revill for "putting him in fear of his life", was also successful. The pensioner was awarded £400 for the "shattering experience" he went through on the night of the attempted burglary.

Nigel Chappell, Revill's solicitor, said after the judgment: "He has suffered some fairly traumatic injuries and I do not need to emphasise the extent of them: it has ruined his life. However, Mark bears no ill will towards Mr Newbery. It is now over."

Asked whether he thought his actions on the night of the burglary were reckless, Mr Newbery replied: "I was doing something to frighten them away. There was nothing wrong in what I was doing."

☐ *Barristers said yesterday* that Mr Justice Rougier, the son of George Rougier, QC and Georgette Heyer, the novelist, was a "no-nonsense and powerful" judge who did exactly what he believed to be right without any fear of public or media reaction (Frances Gibb writes).

"He is his own man," one QC said, "firm, robust, and will do what he thinks — everyone else can go hang as far as he's concerned."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Clarke campaign to stop VAT rebellion

Kenneth Clarke has begun a personal crusade to head off Tory rebellion over VAT on domestic fuel as ministers admit that they face the prospect of a tight Commons vote next week. The Chancellor has arranged one-to-one meetings with MPs to underline the troubles that a revolt could cause in the wake of this week's rebellion over Europe. Labour leaders have stepped up the campaign to attract Tory support for an amendment allowing a future vote on imposing 17.5 per cent VAT on fuel.

Mr Clarke is warning potential rebels that a climbdown on VAT could jeopardise future tax cuts and the benefit-spending announced in this week's Budget. He will emphasise the danger of further damaging the Government's reputation. Government business managers will also arrange meetings to keep rebellion to a minimum next Tuesday.

Satellite ban rejected

The Government has rejected a call from MPs to prevent paid-for satellite and cable channels from gaining exclusive rights to big sporting events. Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, has also thrown out recommendations from the Commons National Heritage Committee to ban the televising of sports events sponsored by tobacco companies. Mr Dorrell said the Government had never intended to prevent subscription channels from bidding for the rights to the top sports events. Pay-per-view channels, however, will still be barred.

Thatcher's power studied

An academic has been given a £56,000 research grant by the Economic and Social Research Council, a government-financed body, to find out how rebellious MPs were during Margaret Thatcher's years in Downing Street. Professor Philip Norton, who holds the chair in government at Hull University's department of politics, said: "I think my research will show that Mrs Thatcher was not as powerful as she was perceived to be."

Sex abuse compensation

A former altar boy who was sexually abused by an Irish priest was reported in Dublin to have reached an out-of-court settlement of about £75,000 with the Roman Catholic Church. It is believed to be the first deal of its kind and could lead to a string of similar claims. Neither the priest, who was jailed for ten years, nor his victim, now in his 20s, can be named. The Roman Catholic Church declined last night to comment on the reports.

Dead boy's clothes found

Clothes belonging to Rikki Neave, the murdered six-year-old from Peterborough, were found by police in a dustbin 150 yards from where his body was dumped. The bin was with several others and police have yet to establish to whom it belonged. Detectives were also studying reports that an eight-year-old boy had been partially stripped and bound to a tree in an attack by five older boys earlier this year.

Antibiotic aid for tourists

A single dose of a common antibiotic can halve the severity and duration of travellers' diarrhoea, a study among British soldiers in Belize has shown. Taken at the first sign of a stomach upset, ciprofloxacin reduces the duration of the average upset from two days to one, according to Professor Michael Farthing of St Bartholomew's Hospital in London, writing in *The Lancet*. Taken prophylactically, the drug could prevent an attack.

Driver's sample appeal

Terry Popham, 48, won an appeal at Swansea Crown Court against a conviction for refusing to give a blood sample when the police surgeon he had accused of being too drunk to take it failed to appear. Dr Brian Cronin had told Swansea Magistrates he was not drunk but "may have had one or two glasses of wine". The magistrates found Mr Popham guilty, banned him from driving for a year and fined him £400.

Radio 3 honours Tippett



Sir Michael Tippett, left, the composer who celebrates his 90th birthday in January, will be honoured in a year-long season of British music and culture on BBC Radio 3. The station's ambitious programme of concerts, operas, dramas, lectures and documentaries has also been timed to coincide with the tercentenary of the death of Henry Purcell, whose complete works will be played throughout the year.

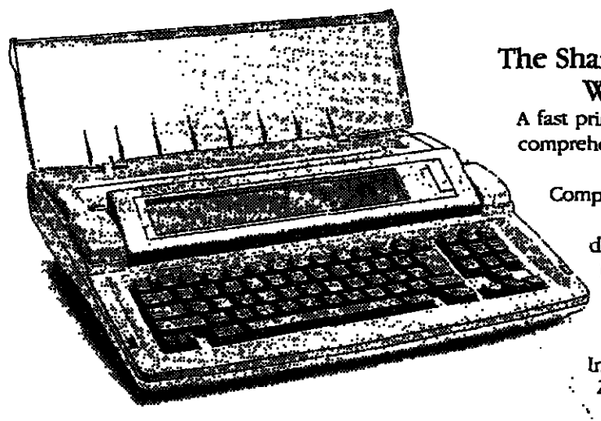
TV licence fee up £2

The cost of a colour television licence will go up by £2 to £86.50 on April 1 next year, the Government announced. Black and white licences will rise from £28 to £28.50. Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, said this was in line with the rate of inflation and he confirmed that the licence fee would continue to be pegged to the retail price index until the BBC's Charter expired in 1996.

Brussels puts end to tripe

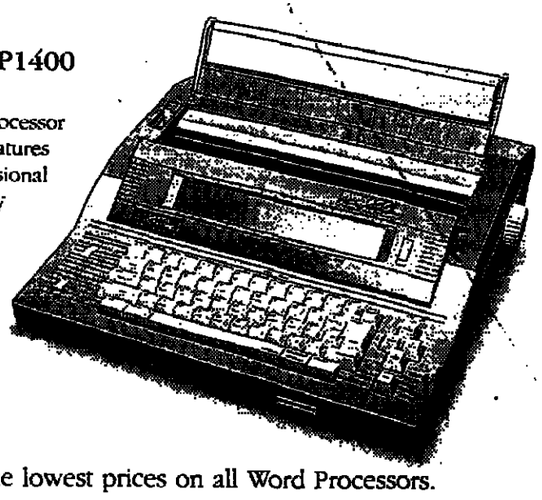
Tripe will no longer be produced in Barnsley because it has fallen foul of European Union laws. The family firm of J and M Gosling, which has processed cow's stomach lining into tripe for 117 years, has been told to spend thousands of pounds on improvements, or close. Gosling's, which numbers Ann Scargill, wife of the NUM president, among its customers, has shut its factory and sold its stall in Barnsley's market.

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Smoke pours from the cruise ship *Achille Lauro* yesterday, ablaze in the Indian Ocean a day after she was abandoned by almost 1,000 passengers and crew

Cruise blaze passengers head home



Rescued passengers take refuge on *Hawaiian King*

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND JOHN PHILLIPS

BRITISH survivors from the blazing Italian cruise ship *Achille Lauro*, many suffering from sunstroke and exhaustion, were last night sailing for Kenya as the international rescue operation continued. The 75 Britons had been transferred at dawn from a tanker to the Greek cargo ship *Kios* by the United States Navy, which was co-ordinating the operation.

They are not due on dry land until tomorrow morning, when they reach Mombasa. Other survivors were being taken to the Seychelles and Djibouti in the Horn of Africa.

Two people, including a Briton, died when fire broke out on the liner off the East African coast on Tuesday night. Almost 1,000 passengers and crew were forced to abandon the ship for liferafts in shark-infested waters. An inquiry is under way into the cause of the blaze.

Survivors spent Wednesday night sleeping on the deck of the *Hawaiian King* after being given medical checks in the tanker's infirmary.

Some Britons cheered, others wept, when they were transferred to the relative comfort of the *Kios*. Many of the passengers have been treated for sunstroke, having been on deck for 24 hours in the blazing sun. Arrangements have been made to fly the Britons home.

Captain John Briand, master of the Shell-owned oil tanker *Lima*, which is part of the flotilla of vessels helping in the rescue operation, said: "Quite a few people were injured in the transfer. There are a few broken bones and some pretty tortured souls."

Cabins were made available on the *Kios* for the elderly and the sick. Other passengers were having to share rooms or bed down on floors. Petankis Pringis, the ship's radio officer, said: "British relatives should not be worried. They are much better off here than they were on the *Achille Lauro*. They have been given dinner and are resting."

Commander T. McCreary, supervising the American rescue operation, said: "It has gone well. The water is calm, it's just the hot sun is beating down mercilessly on folks. Sunburn is the biggest problem."

Martin Shien, for the travel agents Equity Travel, said: "We will get them back to England as quickly as we can. But they can continue with their holidays if they want to. We will fly them to Durban."

☐ The international Coastguard centre at Falmouth, which played a crucial role in the rescue operation by deploying its sophisticated satellite communications, has been given an assurance it will not be closed as the result of a government efficiency review.

Salvage race, page 1

Missing aid worker 'survived for family'

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE British charity worker who was missing for five days after his aid convoy came under fire on Rwanda's border with Zaire described yesterday how thinking of his family inspired him to survive.

Don Reid, a former SAS soldier from Hereford and Worcester, fought through jungle, swam a swollen river and survived by eating berries and drinking rainwater until he reached a charity outpost in the Tongo mountains.

"I almost gave up a couple of times but was kept going by the thought that my wife and family would never know what happened to me," he said. Mr Reid, 43, is expected to return to Britain today for a reunion with his wife, Lynn, and children, Andrew and Ian.

After his Assist UK aid convoy came under fire last Friday, Mr Reid fled into the bush. He kept his sights on the Tongo mountain range, where he knew Oxfam had an outpost. Using his T-shirt to collect rainwater which he found in rock depressions, Mr Reid managed to obtain a supply of drinking water. He eventually found a mountain track that took him to Oxfam's house, nine miles from where he abandoned his truck.

"The relief and joy of the Assist UK staff on hearing the news was heard as a huge roar went back over the air to Tongo," a worker in the charity's headquarters in Goma said. Mr Reid had suffered only considerable weight loss and minor cuts.

Ian Henderson, a director of Assist UK, said charities had learnt vital lessons from Mr Reid's experience. "Drivers will be issued with handheld radios in addition to their cab radios. We will identify predetermined rendezvous points and all staff will carry food and water wherever possible," he said.

Relief operations, including transport and civil engineering work, had been suspended while a search for Mr Reid was carried out. Operations would restart immediately, Mr Henderson said.



Brady: visiting father

Woman driver jailed

A WOMAN who drove nearly 500 miles while five times over the drink-drive limit was jailed for two months yesterday. Joanne Brady, 36, who ended up on a roundabout, was also banned from driving for four years by Plymouth magistrates.

Brady, married with a son, drove from Kilpatrick, near Glasgow, where she had been visiting her sick father, to Plymouth to catch the ferry to her home in Marbella, Spain. She had drunk half a bottle of rum before setting off and some wine on the way. A police breath test showed an alcohol reading of 178. The legal limit is 35.

Cleaners sacked by MI6 win fight for compensation

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A GROUP of women cleaners who were sacked by MI6 has won an £88,000 out-of-court settlement. The 47 women have also been offered their jobs back.

The cleaners were dismissed six months ago when MI6, which runs Britain's espionage organisation overseas, was told to privatise the cleaning contract.

MI6, which the Government only recently admitted existed, had been told to make the cleaning staff redundant after the Treasury "held a gun to its head". Some had worked for the service for 30 years.

The cleaners took their protests to Jack Dromey, national secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union. Mr Dromey and the Labour MPs Harriet Harman and Kate Hoey put pressure on the Prime Minister to intervene and the three were subsequently called to a private meeting at MI6 headquarters on the south bank of the Thames at Vauxhall Cross opposite Millbank.

Mr Dromey said: "Downing Street arranged a meeting between the 'organisation' — MI6 was never mentioned once — and myself and the two MPs. We were told to be outside No 7 Millbank on July 7 at 11.20am sharp to be taken to an unknown destination. The unknown destination turned out to be MI6 headquarters at Vauxhall Cross.

"We met the outgoing head of MI6 and the new head of MI6. We had a civilised negotiation with charming spymasters. They were old patricians who regretted the treatment meted out to loyal members of 'the Service'.

"They said the Treasury had held a gun to their head and MI6 regarded market testing of support services in Britain's most sensitive establishment as absurd."

Mr Dromey said MI6 asked the union and the two MPs for time to find a way forward. "We were impressed by their sincerity and agreed to give them time. MI6 then obtained Treasury clearance for the £88,000 pay-out on top of the redundancy pay and pension entitlements that the cleaners had already received.

"Further, the sacked cleaners who wanted to go back were offered new clerical jobs with MI6 or jobs with the contractor now cleaning MI6 headquarters."

Let jury decide punishment to fit the crime, judge says

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

PERSISTENT criminals should be publicly flogged, branded or tattooed and put in the stocks if the public demand it, according to a Scottish High Court judge.

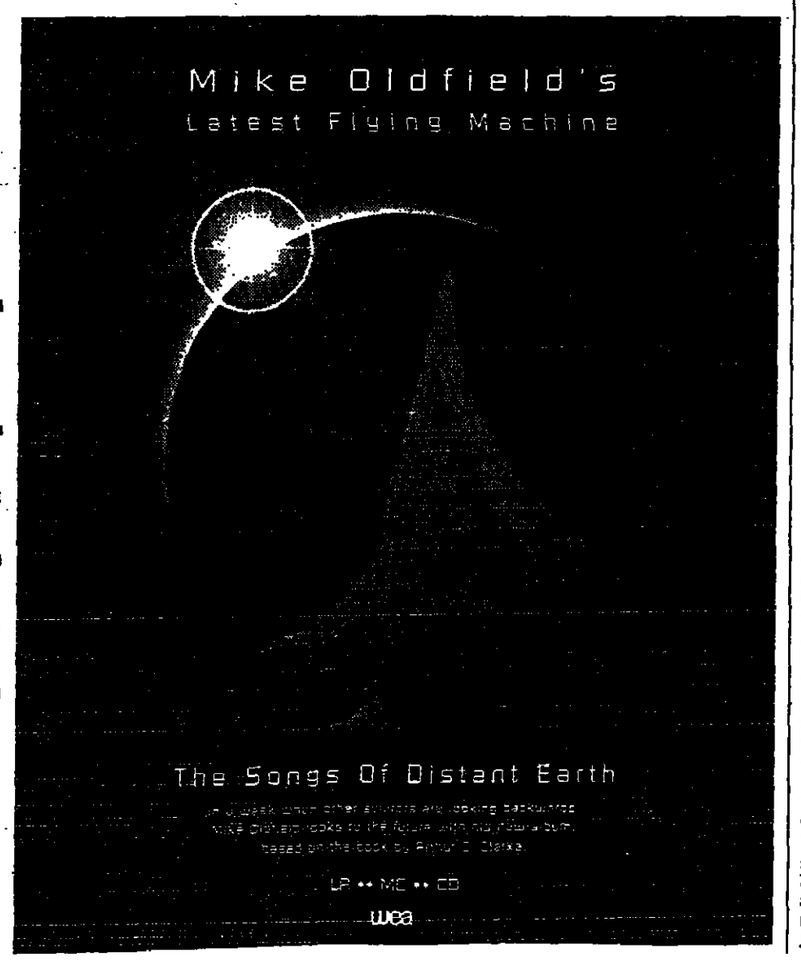
He called for juries to be allowed to recommend penalties and local communities given a greater say in the range of punishments available to the courts.

Lord McCluskey of Churchill, a former solicitor-general in Scotland, accused the MPs and civil servants responsible for penal policy of being driven by a short-term agenda and out of touch with the realities of street crime. Judges, too, had little experience of crime and no experience of the prison system, he said.

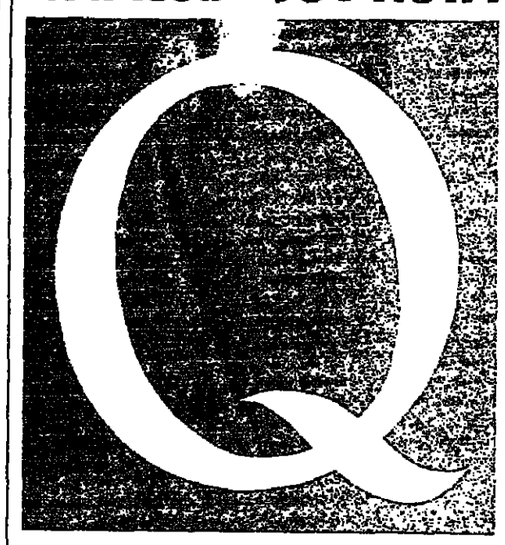
Although he opposed the introduction of such primitive or fancy penalties, they might sometimes be appropriate if that was what the people judged best.

Lord McCluskey, 65, said in an article published in the University of Edinburgh magazine: "The commonly articulated judgment is that the present system is failing to do a worthwhile job; it doesn't deter, it doesn't rehabilitate, it doesn't satisfy our primitive desire to see the wrong-doers suffer, it is desperately expensive, it is purposeless and pointless." He said: "We have got ourselves into a situation where the only severe penalty we can impose is the deprivation of liberty." Lord McCluskey said that was an expensive option that satisfied no one, caused real hardship to the dependants of prisoners and did not work in any measurable sense.

Lord McCluskey, a former Labour parliamentary candidate, was solicitor-general in Scotland in the Labour government of 1974 to 1979. He was created a life peer in 1976 and has been a Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland since 1984.



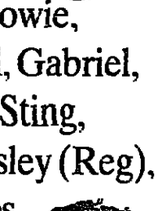
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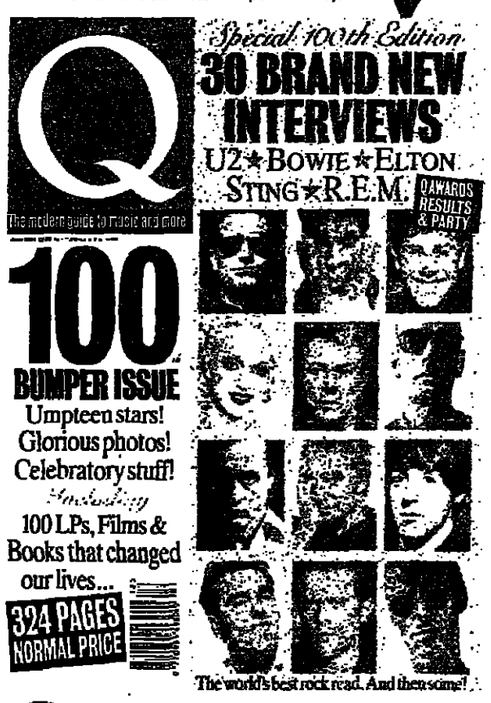
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Monarch and city reconciled after alleged remark that it was 'not such a nice place'

The Queen makes peace with chilly Manchester

BY ALAN HAMILTON

WHATEVER the Queen may or may not have said about Manchester during her recent state visit to Russia, monarch and city were reconciled yesterday.

In temperatures reminiscent of St Petersburg, the Queen paid her first visit to Manchester since reportedly telling a Russian student that the city was "not such a nice place". Officials were adamant the tour had been planned long before the alleged gaffe and that no special efforts had been made to counter a remark which she probably did not intend anyway.

When set against the city in which it was supposedly made, the remark nonetheless contains much truth. At no time yesterday did the Queen state publicly that one of the leading cities of her kingdom *was* a nice place but she could not resist a wry remark in a speech at the opening of a new barracks in Hulme: "Just in case some of you may have believed certain recent reports, I *have* been looking forward to this visit to Manchester."

She added: "The people of Manchester have always made us warmly welcome, and Prince Philip and I are very grateful for your constant loyalty and friendliness over the years." The Mancunian contribution to national life, given unstintingly over the centuries, she concluded, would remain unsurpassed.

Visually, she might as well have been speaking in some benighted East European provincial town. Behind her, outside the barrack gates, lay a scene of some desolation, a panorama of 1960s concrete high-rise housing, empty, abandoned and in the process of being torn down to make way for something more humanly habitable.

Sheila Smith, the Labour Lord Mayor of Manchester, waiting by the barrack gate to welcome her visitor, was unrepentant at bringing the Queen to one of her city's less-charming corners. "We are not showing her the best points when we bring her to Hulme. But we want her to see Manchester as it is: we don't cover up our ugly spots."

The city was "proud and very pleased" that the Queen had decided to visit and she would receive the normal warm Manchester welcome. Mrs Smith said. "We were a bit surprised at the remark she made in Russia — if indeed she ever made it — but we are Mancunians and we always look on the bright side of things."

Greater Manchester has much to teach the Queen. After an overnight journey from London on the royal train, she and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived in Rochdale to help to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Rochdale Pioneers, the first co-operative society.

Not being regular shoppers at present-day Co-op supermarkets, the royal couple showed much interest in an exhibition on the movement that has grown to be Britain's largest retailer. The Queen was intrigued by a mock-up of a modern supermarket checkout, with its electronic till and bar-code reader, not a device with which she enjoys daily familiarity.

The Co-op Singers treated their visitors to snatches from the Co-op musical written to mark the sesquicentenary. It is unlikely ever to make the West End, in spite of its hit song with the deathless lyric: "Wish us luck and say you'll join our societee: Shop with us, there's a dividend there for you and me."

They are not in such bad company; Gracie Fields, the other enduring creation of Rochdale, once recorded a song that began: "Come and shop at the Co-op shop."

Later in the day, after visiting a school whose pupils had written to her after the Russian visit begging her to come and see Manchester for herself, the Queen finally saw one of the city's least attractive aspects, the unlovely industrial heartland of Salford on the banks of the Manchester Ship Canal. The Queen opened a lifting road bridge to mark the canal's centenary.

Although Salford Docks have sunk into retirement and gentrification, the canal still carrries eight million tons of cargo a year, mainly on its factory-lined lower reaches. As waterfronts go, St Petersburg still has the edge on Trafford Park.

Palace confirms visit to South Africa

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are to visit South Africa next March, Buckingham Palace confirmed today. The tour, from March 19 to 25, will be the first official visit by the Queen as monarch and marks the final chapter in the readmittance of South Africa into the Commonwealth. The last state visit was in 1947 by George VI.

BOB COLLIER



The Queen in Rochdale. She opened a heritage centre to mark the 150th anniversary of the first co-operative society

Princess supports new HIV clinic

BY JEREMY LAURANCE AND ADAM SAGE

A GIRL aged four who is dying of Aids was comforted by the Princess of Wales yesterday. She and her parents, who are both infected with HIV, were among patients introduced to the Princess when she opened a new clinic in central London on World Aids Day.

The £4.5 million Mortimer Market Centre is the largest clinic for the treatment of sexually-transmitted diseases in Europe. It will also provide Britain's first dental clinic for people with HIV and Aids.

The four-year-old's parents, who did not know they were infected until after her birth, told the Princess that she did not have long to live. Lesley French, senior health adviser at the clinic, said the Princess had shown "deep sympathy" and the family had appreciated her support.

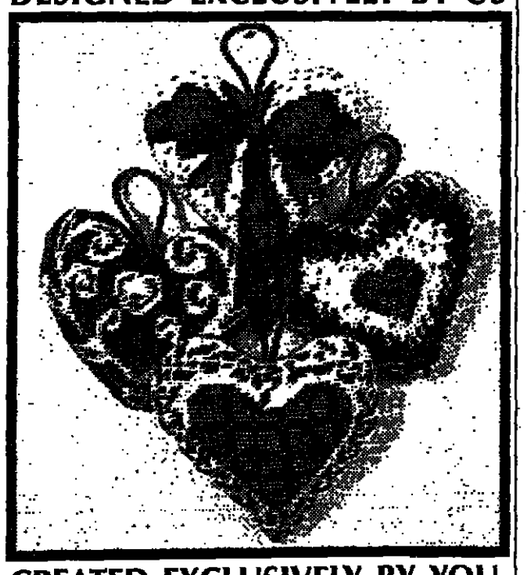
Despite her retreat from public life, the Princess has maintained her backing for the National Aids Trust, of which she is patron. Professor Michael Adler, chairman of the trust, praised her compassion and empathy. More than 80,000 people a year are expected to use the centre.

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, told the world political summit on Aids in Paris that the Aids prevalence rate in the United Kingdom for 1994 was among the lowest in Europe, at 156 cases per million people compared with 619 in Spain. She said the Government was to spend £2 million over the next three years on international HIV and Aids research. She was one of the few ministers at the summit to announce concrete measures, although the hosts, France and the World Health Organisation, said it was a notable success.

Russia last night signed a declaration at the summit not to discriminate against Aids sufferers, less than a month after its Parliament voted for testing all foreigners for HIV.

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Church shake-up may end commissioners' role



Bishop Turnbull: taking a radical approach

■ The archbishops' commission on the structure of the Church of England is likely to produce far-reaching proposals that are part of a tide of change. Ruth Gledhill reports from the General Synod

BIG changes to the Church of England's structure are under way. They include the devolving of power from bishops to parishes and the break-up of the Church Commissioners, who manage the Church's historic assets, according to senior Church sources.

The archbishops' commission on the organisation of the Church, chaired by the new Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev Michael Turnbull, is expected to produce far-reaching proposals to improve the mission and ministry of the Church.

Senior church sources said the most radical change could be over financial arrangements, with responsibility for clergy stipends and vicarages devolved to a smaller body and to the dioceses. It was disclosed earlier this week that responsibility for clergy pensions was to be transferred from the Church Commissioners to an independent pension fund, with contributions paid from parishes.

Bishop Turnbull told the General Synod yesterday that there was a need for a "single point at the centre where all threads of policy and resources are drawn together", hinting at changes to the present three-headed structure around the archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Church Commissioners, and the General Synod.

One synod member, Margaret Brown, of Chichester, West Sussex, was applauded when she called for the total abolition of the commissioners. Another said the commissioners' headquarters in Millbank, Westminster, should be rented out.

The synod also heard a call for the abolition of deanery synods, the tier of Church government in between diocesan synods and parochial church councils, and for a cut in the 574 members of the General Synod.

Bishop Turnbull, who opened the debate, said the commission's work would be near its conclusion by the time the synod meets again, in July next year. "It is not sensible to allow issues of this magnitude to hang fire," he said. "And let us be quite clear: the matters we have under review are of immense significance."

He added: "There is a strong sense that things cannot go on as they were. We in the commission feel that we are part of a general tide of change and recovery within the Church. We are taking a radical approach to our task."

He hinted that one change being considered was to abolish the three houses of bishops, clergy and laity and put in its place a synod where each of the 43 dioceses was represented by an episcopally led team.

Tim Royle, of Cheltenham, said: "It seems to me that we have the worst of all worlds. We do not give the bishops enough power to take the decisions that they need to make. The synod has a huge amount of paperwork and is divided into three houses. Should we have one financial centre of power?"

The Ven John Burgess, Archdeacon of Bath, said: "If reform is intended, it has not only to be radical but quite swift." He said the Church was in danger of "swamping itself with subcommittees on this, that and the other".

Kate Griffiths, of Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, warned synod members: "Although Anglicans on the whole are rather polite I think there is a limit to how much they will take if the upshot of the Turnbull Commission is to give the bishops more power and ask the parishes to pay more."

☐ A priest's crusade in the courts against the ordination of women has cost the Church £27,000 in legal fees, the synod was told. But the Rev Paul Williamson, priest in charge of St George's in Hanworth, west London, had been ordered by the courts to meet £7,000 of the costs. Alan McLintock, chairman of the Church's board of finance, said: "We are considering how best that might be recovered."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two face Baltic border charges

Two Britons bringing antiques and vodka out of Lithuania have been charged with smuggling. John Milton, 49, an antiques dealer, of Poole, Dorset, and Trevor Miles, 41, a caravan park owner, of Christchurch, Dorset, say they were exporting goods and had the cash to pay the duty.

Football death

A teenager died from peritonitis and septicaemia after a stomach injury during a football match, an inquest was told. A verdict of misadventure was recorded on Peter Ecookit, 16, of Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

Cash for RSC

The City of London is to increase its funding for the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1995-96 from £1.85 million to £3.65 million. The City owns the Barbican Theatre, which is the London base of the RSC.

Skull identified

A skull found in woodland on the Macclesfield to Buxton road in Cheshire on Wednesday has been identified as that of Ian Patrick Grayburn, 34, of Macclesfield, a former school teacher who disappeared in August 1992.

Bowled out

A Somerset skittles player has been suspended after pouring a jug of gravy over an opponent during a post-match dinner. The Yeovil and District league banned Peter Amor from playing until the new year.

Master sale

A cache of 100 Old Master prints which lay forgotten in a trunk for more than a century sold for £587,952 at Sotheby's in London. They were found while the owner was clearing an outhouse from a late relative's home.

Car spark

A car dealer spent £300 extending a customer's garage because the car she wanted was a few inches too long. Steve Latham, 40, of Paignton, Devon, did not want to lose the sale of a Vauxhall Omega to a regular customer.

Briton taken off hooligan blacklist

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN ACCOUNTANT wrongly included on a blacklist of international football hooligans has won a two-year fight to clear his name after the European Commission told the British and Belgian governments to strike his details from secret police files.

Rhys Boore, 26, who was strip-searched, held without charge and deported from Belgium in 1992 after a police computer check suggested he was a major criminal, said after the ruling: "I am delighted with the decision, but this is only the first half of the battle. The second half is to make sure it does not happen again."

Mr Boore, from Edgbaston, Birmingham, said his name was registered as a soccer criminal after a mix-up in November 1990. He was travelling through Belgium to see Wales play in a European qualifying match when a fight broke out on the train. Although he was not involved, he was photographed by police and his details secretly passed to the National Criminal Intelligence Service, which manages the database and investigates hooliganism, drug-trafficking and armed robbery.

His arrest came two years later when he and his brothers Gwilym, 28, and Alun, 22, were travelling to a World Cup qualifier match. Rhys and Gwilym were arrested after an identity check at Brussels railway station, held overnight and deported the next day. "It was the most frightening ordeal. You did not know where it would end," said Mr Boore.

His brother Gwilym is also to have his name struck off the blacklist.

Court is told accused did not think field was grave suitable for war hero

Spitfire pilot dug up illegally to get full military burial

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BATTLE of Britain Spitfire pilot is to have a proper funeral with full military honours after his body was dug up illegally from the field in Kent where he was buried with his crashed plane.

Mark Kirby, 25, was yesterday given an absolute discharge after admitting digging up the body of Sergeant John "Gilly" Gilders in Chilham, Kent. The recovery of the body ended a 53-year search by family and friends for the 21-year-old airman, listed as killed in action after apparently bailing out over the Channel during a dogfight.

Mr Kirby, 25, from Tonbridge, Kent, had failed to obtain a licence from the Ministry of Defence to dig up the remains. He claimed an application would have been refused as Sergeant Gilders was thought to have drowned in the Channel.



Kirby: failed to obtain permission from MoD

Mr Kirby, who was continuing the search begun by the pilot's father, who died in 1969, obtained permission from the owner of the field and Sergeant Gilders's brother and sister to dig up the body in order to give him a proper funeral.

When he removed the pilot, with the blue RAF uniform still distinguishable, Mr Kirby was arrested for unearthing military remains without MoD permission.

Sergeant Gilders served in 72 Squadron during the Battle of Britain. A week before he was killed he became engaged to his sweetheart Molly, whose whereabouts today are unknown.

James Bogle, for the defence, told Ashford Magistrates: "Sergeant Gilders was a man who a father could feel proud of and Mr Kirby followed what he believed to be the right course of action, not knowing he was breaking the law, so that his sacrifice was not in vain.

"To this day there still has been no funeral, no gravestone or public memorial to his son. His grave was little more than a ploughed field."

Mr Bogle added: "A German fighter pilot who was found in nearby Dymchurch was unearthed and given a full military funeral but this is not given to this British pilot."

He said Mr Kirby did not think the field was a grave suitable for a war hero. "He wanted to help the family and not let people like Sergeant Gilders be one of those just forgotten. He should have applied for a licence but the whole thing has been like a Catch 22 situation and he did not think he would be prosecuted. There have been a number of digs known to the MoD and no prosecution has followed."



John "Gilly" Gilders and his fiancée Molly. They were engaged a week before he was listed killed in action



The pilot's remains and his aircraft were dug up from the field where he crashed

An RAF spokesman said last night that Sergeant Gilders' remains would be buried with full military honours at Brookwood cemetery in Surrey. "Normally, any Battle of Britain flyer gets a full military funeral, if his family want one," he said. "The funeral includes a firing party and the Last Post is played."

After the hearing, Mr Kirby said that he would continue to help families to discover where their relatives were buried. "I know of three or four airmen in Kent less than 20 minutes from this court who are still in the ground without a proper funeral.

"I will try to help the families of these airmen along with my archaeologist friends but in future I will work alongside the MoD to avoid what I have gone through over the past few months."

He added: "I did this in the memory of Sergeant Gilders and his dead father but it is still unforgivable that the Government knew where he was buried for so long and did nothing about it."

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Police break up gang in £35m mortgage fraud

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A MORTGAGE fraud worth £35 million and involving a solicitor, mortgage brokers and financial advisers has been foiled by West Midlands police after a four-and-a-half year investigation.

Yesterday, after the last of a series of trials, police said that the collapse in the property market during the recession had helped to defeat the fraudsters. Gang members could no longer operate by using inflated prices to gather mortgages from unwary building societies.

Detective Inspector Dave Churchill, head of the operation, said that police had ended one of the longest and largest mortgage frauds. They sifted through the sales of 200 homes and concentrated on a mortgage specialist in Birmingham city centre. Mr Churchill said: "The major factor in catching the crooks was the economic climate in 1990-91, when the bottom fell out of the housing market and they could no longer sell the properties they were buying from their mortgages with falsified documents."

In a string of trials since January, the convictions include David Harris, a businessman of Sutton Coldfield, jailed for six years for conspiracy to defraud. He was one of the ringleaders. A solicitor, Stephen Hyde, of Moseley, Birmingham, was jailed for three years. A further 29 gang members were either convicted of or admitted fraud or deception.

Apart from the financial institutions, one of the victims was Kath Newey, 48. She sold her £43,000 house to Harris and rented one of his properties from him. He never paid her for her old house and her new home was repossessed.

Yesterday she said: "I handed over £5,000 for the first five years' rent, but after living in the house for two years, the house was repossessed by the building society and me and my children were left homeless. So far I have not got any of the money back from Harris and I am penniless."

Police say the gang spun "a web of deception". They gave false personal details to obtain mortgages and credit clearance to buy and sell houses in the Birmingham area. They set up bogus limited companies to supply false salary details to co-conspirators who never had these jobs.

The gang then either creamed off part of the mortage lump sum, or bought and sold houses, or let them. Because they used false names and addresses, the financial institutions were unable to trace the buyers and sellers and were left to pick up the bill after the culprits disappeared.

Mr Churchill said: "We were only alerted to the scam because these people were buying plush houses when it was obvious they didn't have the financial resources to do it legitimately.

"It was only made possible by the property boom years of the 1980s when banks were in competition to lend money. They have learnt not to be so naive and tighten up on their lending procedures."

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Tearful neighbours tell of life in the road where postmen, bus drivers and dustmen refused to go

Court evicts family that turned street into 'Little Bosnia'

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A FAMILY branded "the worst neighbours in Scotland" have lost their lengthy legal battle against eviction. Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court ruled yesterday that the Graham family had breached their tenancy agreement and were involved in "persistent anti-social behaviour".

However, their neighbours in Glenrothes, Fife, were postponing their celebration because Anne Graham, a 35-year-old convicted drug dealer, is likely to appeal against the decision by Sheriff Gail Patrick.

Scores of neighbours, many of them in tears, told the court during a 17-day hearing that the exploits of the family of seven had led to the area being rechristened "Little Bosnia". Many refused to give their addresses for fear of reprisals.

Ian Purvis, a Glenrothes District Council housing official, said that one couple fled and decided to live rough in the Falkland Hills near by after Mrs Graham's husband Gordon, 39, threatened to set fire to their house. He was taken to the court yesterday from jail, where he is serving a 12-month sentence for defying a lifelong driving ban.

The court was told that residents of Alexander Road were threatened with violence or assaulted. Fife Scottish Bus Group was forced to reroute a service because of stone-throwing, and Kirkcaldy Council had to suspend refuse collections from the Grahams' house because of the "violent disposition" of the occupiers. Their alsatians and pitbull terriers had bitten the postman on at least three occasions.

Residents said that they were unable to hang out washing because the Graham children slashed it or lit fires in oil drums and burnt car tyres in the street. The smoke was so thick that passing motorists had to use their headlights.

Some council house tenants had asked to be rehoused because of the noise and threats. The Graham children — Heather, 18, James, 16, Sharon, 15, David, 14, and Dean, 12 — tore through neighbours' gardens pulling up shrubs and bulbs. They chopped down trees, dug up washing poles and covered door entry systems with glue.

The court was told that Dean was the worst offender. But the neighbourhood was deeply shocked when James ran over 25-year-old Pauline McConnachie in a stolen car and left her for dead in the snow on Christmas Eve. Miss McConnachie had to have a leg amputated. James was sentenced to five years in prison.

Margaret Glennie, who has lived near by for 26 years, said she had written to John Major about the case because she was at the end of her tether.

Ann Braid, 32, a former friend of the Grahams, said that she had lived at 25 Alexander Road for 11 years, but moved out in October 1992 on the orders of her doctor, who told her that she would end up in a psychiatric hospital after three nights of vandalism involving the Graham children.

Sheriff's officers involved in an unsuccessful two-hour battle to evict the Grahams for alleged rent arrears in 1991 told the court that they were pelted with metal objects, excrement and water.

The family denied the claims. Mrs Graham said yesterday: "I think the decision is terrible. We're all shattered about it. We don't deserve to be forced out. The neighbours were talking about things which happened years ago.

"For the past two or three years everything has been quiet. The majority of the things which were being said in court — it was the first time either me or my husband had ever heard of it. To me they have just been picking on us because my husband wasn't there and my eldest son wasn't there. It's not over yet, not by a long shot."

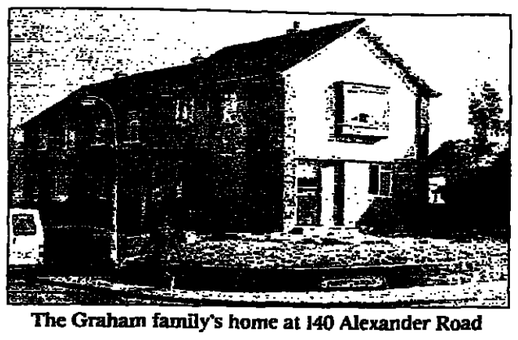
Because the case was brought by the local authority and because the Graham family received legal aid, the taxpayer has had to foot £100,000 bill, both for trying to evict the family and at the same time fighting for them to keep their home.

CIARAN DONNELLY





Gordon Graham, who was taken to court from jail, and his wife Anne with their children. She is a convicted drug dealer and one son is also in jail



The Graham family's home at 140 Alexander Road

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer East **Game all**

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W	N	E	S
—	—	Pass	1♥
Dble	Redble	1♠	2♥
Pass	4♥	All pass	

Opening lead: J

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This deal comes from the closing stages of a World Championship final where the players were tired and not at their best. At one table, declarer won the ace of clubs and played a heart to the nine. West won with the ten and continued clubs. Declarer won, discarding a diamond, and played a heart to the ace, finding the good news.

Now he has a neat play: as from the bidding he can place West with the ace of spades, he should play a low spade. If West ducks, declarer wins the king of spades, discards the queen on a high club and just loses two diamonds and a trump: if West rises with the ace of spades, declarer has two tricks in spades and ten in all.

In the event, instead of a low spade, declarer played the queen; West won with the ace and continued the suit. Declarer played with the king, hoping clubs would break, and was soon one down.

At the other table, the result was more satisfactory for declarer but the play was no less tired. Here declarer ruffed a club at trick two and then played ace and another heart. West should have worked out that South was unlikely to have the queen of hearts — the natural play with that holding would have been to finesse at trick two. Hence West should unblock the king of hearts, enabling his partner to win the second round and play the queen of diamonds.

In the event, he failed to unblock, and chose to cash his aces when in with the king of hearts. Had he exited with a club, declarer could have ruffed and played a low spade, producing the position that the declarer at the first table should have achieved.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Olympiad opens

The 31st Chess Olympiad has opened in the Hotel Cosmos in Moscow, where all the teams are staying. President Yeltsin sent the organisers a letter of congratulation for putting the competition together in a mere 50 days (the usual lead time is two years). There are a record 124 national teams competing in the men's championship with 80 in the women's. The England team is seeded fourth behind Russia, the Ukraine and Hungary.

A tangible sign of the new dispensation in the government of world chess was that the former arch-rivals Florencio Campomanes and Garry Kasparov were sitting together on the podium. Campomanes is President of FIDE, the World Chess Federation, while Kasparov is world champion of the Professional Chess Association. Anatoly Karpov, the FIDE champion, did not even receive an invitation to the opening ceremony and was not present.

The ceremony was marked by Russian national dances, a violin concert and an exhibition of coins and stamps featuring chess champions. For the first time in the history of chess olympiads, games will be played to a finish without adjournments.

Polgar to fore

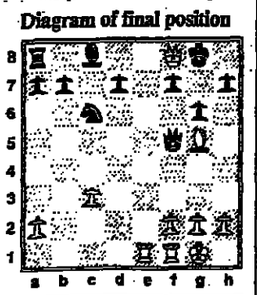
A further record has been set by the 31st Olympiad, namely that for the first time in such an event, a female player has taken top board on one of the foremost teams in the "men's championship". Judit Polgar, the 18-year-old Hungarian prodigy, will play on top board for the Hungarian men's team. In former years she was relegated to the all-female event, where she won the following devastating game in 1988.

White: Judit Polgar
Black: Angelova.
Thessaloniki Olympiad 1988

Sicilian Defence

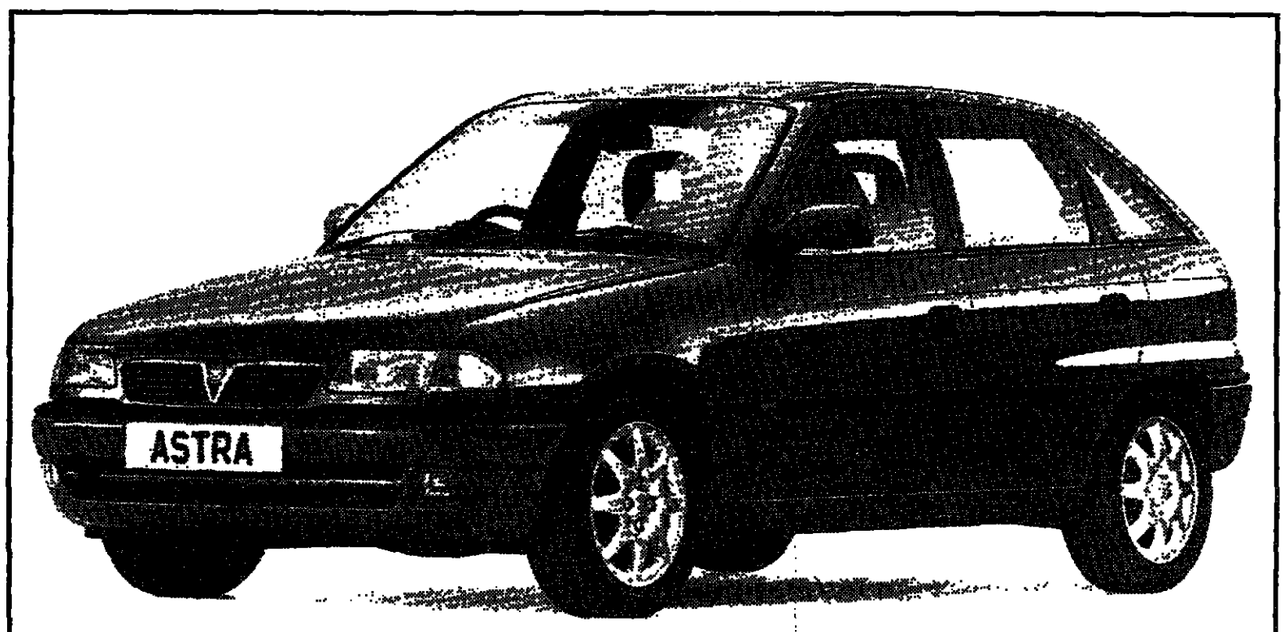
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2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	g6
4	0-0	Bg7
5	c3	e5
6	d4	exd4
7	cxd4	Nxd4
8	Nxd4	cxd4
9	e5	Ne7
10	Bg5	0-0
11	Qxd4	Nc6
12	Qh4	Qb6
13	Nc3	Bxe5
14	Rae1	Bxc3
15	bxc3	Qxb5
16	Qh6	Qf5
17	Qd8+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



a b c d e f g h

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Directors accuse MPs of betraying film industry

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THREE of Britain's most eminent film-makers accused MPs on the National Heritage Select Committee yesterday of being "philistines" and snobs who had betrayed the British industry through years of neglect.

In a lively 90-minute hearing, part of the committee's inquiry into the future of the British film industry, Alan Parker, director of *The Commitments* and *Mississipi Burning*, Mike Leigh, whose recent films include *Naked* and *Life is Sweet*, and Ken Loach, maker of *Ladybird Ladybird*, *Raining Stones* and *Kes*, rounded on MPs for failing to develop a coherent film policy.

Mr Parker, once described as the Brian Clough of the film business, set out a three-point rescue plan for the industry that involved introducing a levy on cinema tickets to raise money to be put back into film production. He also called for tax concessions for actors to entice Hollywood stars to work in Britain and suggested legislation requiring multiplex cinemas to show at least one British film.

"You keep patting us on the back and praising us about how clever we are and how many Oscars we have won, but you do nothing . . . I have spoken to so many ministers, I gave up in 1985 and went to live in the United States," he said. Mr Parker said changes in the film and media industry would give Britain the opportunity to restablish its influence. "This could be the most important single industry that will be making money in the next 50 years. We happen to be very good at it. All we need is a little help."

Joe Aston, Labour MP for Bassetlaw, accused the directors of being elitists who made films for each other. He asked why British film-makers could not find "venture capitalists and sugar daddies" to fund their work. "What has happened to the film industry that we used to have that made *Carry On* films?" he asked.

Mr Loach implied the MP was a "confused philistine". He pointed out that there simply was no venture capital available and added that his last four films had all made a profit.

Mr Leigh, who was made an OBE last year, said that although there was a minority of people in Britain making esoteric and non-populist films, most directors were motivated by a genuine commitment to entertainment.

Members of the committee have recently returned from a £23,000 fact-finding trip to Hollywood, where they met leading industry figures such as the director Steven Spielberg. Gerald Kaufman, the Labour MP who chairs the committee, is a self-confessed film buff and is keen to discover a recipe for rejuvenating the British film industry. He has indicated that he wants to expand the British production base, rather than simply entice American actors to make films in Britain.



Mike Leigh, Alan Parker and Ken Loach, who said that the National Heritage Select Committee was full of philistines

ADRIAN BROOKS



Recruits to the 3rd Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles are sworn in yesterday at Fleet, Hampshire, placing a hand on the regimental drums. The flag bears a Hindu deity

£40,000 payout for RAF sex bias

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

A WOMAN who was forced to leave the Royal Air Force because she was pregnant has been awarded almost £40,000 in compensation by a Glasgow industrial tribunal.

Kathleen Endruweit, 36, is the latest former service woman to win a payout from the Ministry of Defence because of its previous policy of discharging employees who became pregnant.

Mrs Endruweit was a corporal when she had to leave the RAF ten years ago after serving in Britain and Hong Kong. In 1976 she signed on with the RAF for nine years but extended her length of service to 12 years.

The tribunal was told she married in August 1984 while serving at RAF Kinloss and discovered two weeks later that she was pregnant. She had been pregnant before but had had an abortion as she had not wanted to give up her career. Mrs Endruweit sought an abortion again but was told by a medical officer that he could not recommend a termination.

Mrs Endruweit, whose daughter, Cassie, was born in June 1985 and who two years later had a son, told the tribunal she regretted leaving the RAF. She loved her children but could not stand being at home all day, she said.

The Ministry of Defence was ordered to pay Mrs Endruweit, who now lives in Alnwick, Northumberland, £39,364 for unlawful sex discrimination. The RAF admitted discrimination but disputed the compensation.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Edwards inquest opened

An inquest was opened yesterday into the death of Buster Edwards, one of the Great Train Robbers, whose body was found hanging in a lock-up garage on Tuesday.

Sir Montague Levine, the Southwark coroner, adjourned the inquest to February 7. Mr Edwards, 63, was found in the shed near his flower stall at Waterloo station.

Tumour delay

A boy sent to America to have a brain tumour removed after well-wishers raised £70,000 was readmitted to hospital yesterday, the day he was to have flown home. Ashley Fowle, 4, of Northfleet, Kent, needs antibiotics to help scar tissue to heal.

Deaf chief

The Royal National Institute for the Deaf has appointed its first deaf chief executive. Doug Alker, 54, who is profoundly deaf and uses sign language, succeeds Stuart Etherington, now director of the National Council of Voluntary Organisations.

Tower closure

The closure of the Military Ordnance Office at the Tower of London — for more than 500 years the heart of Army weaponry — was marked by a military ceremony. The Ministry of Defence decided to wield the axe as the Tower holds no modern weapons.

Racial murder

A man was jailed for life by Lewes Crown Court for murdering a Sudanese student in a racist attack. Ian Leaney, 26, who denied murder, stabbed Ali Ibrahim, 21, after shouting "black bastards" at Mr Ibrahim and his two friends in a Brighton street.

Flock block

Three thousand chickens caused chaos when they escaped from an overturned lorry. Traffic on the M6 near Preston, Lancashire, came to a halt as police and staff from the transport firm spent more than three hours trying to round them up.

'Shocking' European bird survey finds 195 species endangered

By Michael Hornsby
countryside correspondent

MORE than a third of Europe's birds are endangered and a quarter have declined sharply over the past 20 years, according to the first survey of its kind.

Four hundred ornithologists spent four years collecting data on 514 species regularly seen in an area stretching from Greenland and the Azores in the west to the Ural Mountains, the Caucasus and Turkey in the east.

Melanie Heath, a co-author of the 600-page study, published by BirdLife International, said: "The most shocking finding is that 195, or 38 per cent, of Europe's birds are threatened, in that they are either declining, confined to small areas or rare. We estimate that the numbers of 129 species are falling."

The intensification of agriculture is identified as the main threat to 42 per cent of birds with shrinking populations. Hunting and persecution are blamed for the decline of 31 per cent. Britain is home to two birds — the Scottish crossbill and the corncrake — out of 24 species given priority by the survey because they are in danger throughout the world. Their fate in Europe could determine their global survival. Scottish crossbills, estimated to number no more than 1,500, inhabit the remnants of ancient Caledonian pine woods in Scotland and are found nowhere else.

Europe's corncrakes were once common in summer. They now breed mainly in Russia, Ukraine, Belorussia, Latvia, Romania and Poland, where farming is still primitive. Of the 100,000 to 200,000 calling males in Europe, fewer than 3,000 are found in the 12 countries of the European Union. Britain has 489, mainly in the Scottish islands.

The survey shows Britain and Ireland are crucial to the survival of several seabirds. Between 70 per cent and 90 per cent of the global populations of Manx shearwaters, storm petrels and gannets nest on cliffs and offshore islets.

In all, 54 British birds are listed as being of "conservation concern", either because they are highly localised or have small or declining populations. They include the nightjar and the Dartford warbler. The most recent count detected 3,400 nightjar males.

Barbara Young, chief executive of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said: "The survey shows stark evidence of widespread decline. Since birds are good environmental indicators, the figures have wider implications for the health of the European environment."

☐ A Government decision to allow the commercial development of mudflats in the Medway Estuary, Kent, that support thousands of wintering waders and wildfowl may have been illegal under European law, the House of Lords said yesterday. After hearing an RSPB appeal the matter was referred to the European Court of Justice.

☐ *Birds in Europe: Their Conservation Status*. BirdLife International (Wellbrook Court, Girton Road, Cambridge CB3 0NA; £28 plus £3 postage)

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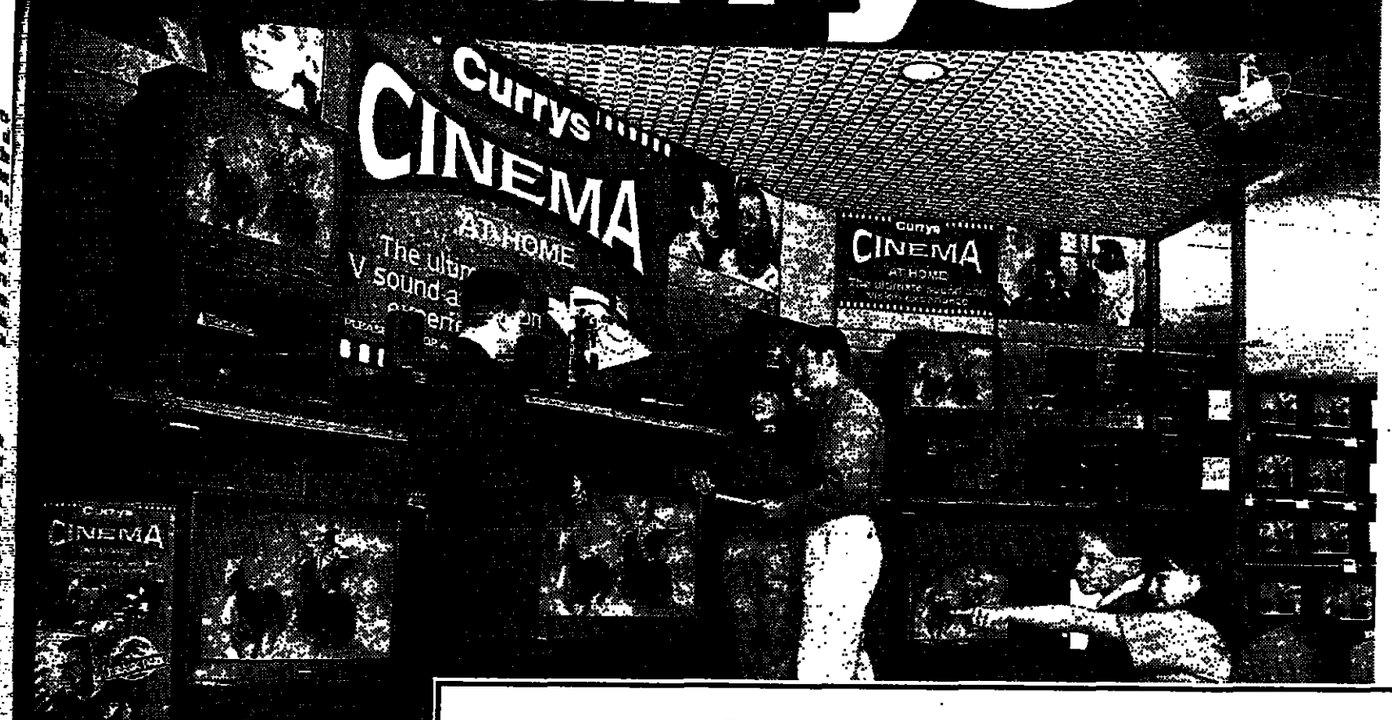
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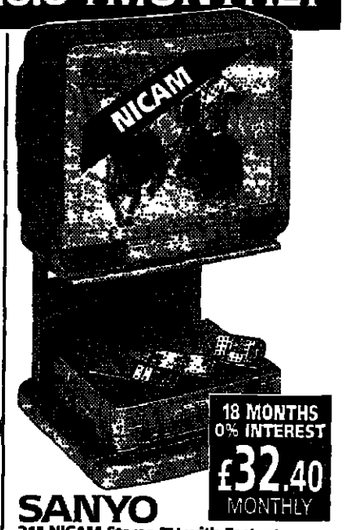


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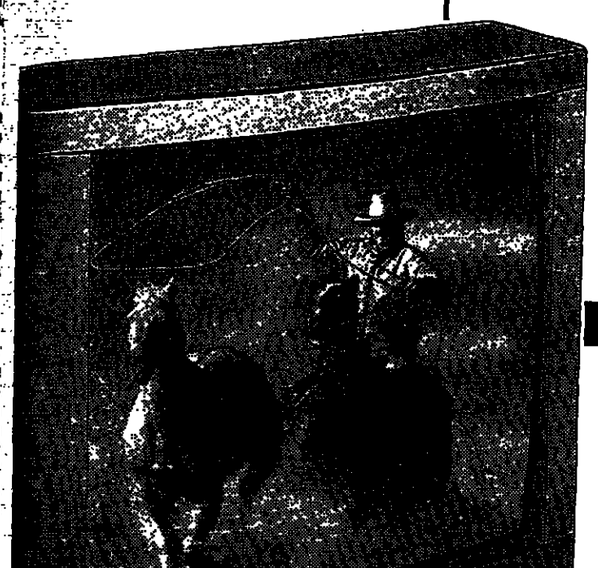
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'We have not been given a fair share of the cake'

Tight budget raises fear of higher council taxes

IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

POLICE and education have been given priority this year in a tough budget for local government, David Curry, the junior environment minister, said last night.

Money available to councils would rise by only 0.4 per cent, he said, and authorities outside London would be capped if they exceeded their permitted spending limit by more than 0.5 per cent. Limits in London on a sliding scale will be slightly more generous.

"This tough budget is in line with the Government's stand on public expenditure," Mr Curry said. "We all have to make our contribution."

Although the Government calculated that a 4.6 per cent average increase in council tax would be needed to cover spending, he said there was no reason to believe that this would happen. "Last year we calculated an average 6.5 per cent extra was needed and in the end the councils only charged 2.2 per cent. They have the ability to control the level they set much more than they admit to."

Complaints by local authority associations about the level of the government grant had become a ritual, he said.

The extra government cash this year will include £647 million for community care and £50 million for local government reorganisation. The Government will also continue to give transitional relief to residents facing a larger-than-average rise in council tax owing to revaluations. "Nobody should be asked to walk over a cliff," Mr Curry said. "They have to have the ability to move in steps which are manageable."

Labour and Conservative councils immediately gave a warning that the settlement would lead to mass job losses and cuts in standards of service to the public. They said this would mean a 6 per cent average rise in council tax next year, almost three times the level of inflation.

Councils calculate that the £43.5 billion they are to receive represents a £1.5 billion reduction on the £44.4 billion they expect to spend this year. They say they not only have to make up this 3.3 per cent cash cut but find another £1.6 billion to meet the demand for new services they must provide.

Last year councils were faced with a similar shortfall and decided to dig deeply into their reserves to hold council tax rises to an average of 2.1 per cent. This will not be possible again because authorities have raided their balances for two years running, spending a total of £1.4 billion.

Most authorities cannot take any more out of reserves without cutting balances below prudent levels and therefore they have no option but to raise the necessary money through increases in council tax.

Rita Taylor, from Bromsgrove, the Conservative chairman of the Association of District Councils finance panel, said "waves of horror went through every local government department in the land" when they heard the amount of money they were to receive.

"We knew it was going to be tough, but this was tougher than tough," she said. "We are going to be hard put to deliver our services competently. Labour and Conservative councils still have very great differences, but on this we are speaking with one voice because we are all very concerned about the effect on local government."

Roy Wilson, from North Yorkshire County Council, a Labour member of the Association of County Councils finance sub-committee, said: "We have not been given a fair share of the cake. School class sizes will increase by 10 per cent above what they were a decade ago. Ten years ago one class in five had more than 30 pupils. Now it will be one class in four. It means a serious deterioration in the level of education we can provide."

Police get extra £180m

POLICE spending will rise by 3 per cent next year to more than £6.3 billion Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, announced yesterday (Stewart Tendler writes).

The increase means another £180 million a year. Mr Howard promised that no force would face cuts and a working party would examine future ways of sharing out government money.

Last night police chiefs said the increase would not allow forces any real growth. John Hoddinott, chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers and chief constable of Hampshire, said some forces would be unable to keep up their present levels of service. Sir John Smith, deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan police, said that after allowing for inflation there would be a cut in real terms.

Portillo attacks 'deal with unions'

BY JONATHAN PRYNN POLITICAL REPORTER

MICHAEL Portillo launched a scathing attack last night on Labour's "despicable deal" with the unions over the party's "job demolition" commitment to a minimum wage.

In an combative opening speech on the third day of Commons debate on the Budget the Employment Secretary poured scorn on Labour's "dishonest" promise to spend its way out of unemployment. He said Labour policies such as the minimum wage and the social chapter would ruin the prospects of the unemployed.

He said John Prescott, the deputy Labour leader, had admitted that a minimum wage would cause an employment "shake-out" and yet Labour had cynically stuck with the policy. "It's a sell-out to the unions," he said. "It's a despicable deal to boost the wages of those who have jobs by smashing the chances of those who do not."

Turning to the social chapter — "job demolition policy number two" — Mr Portillo said Black & Decker had moved its production from Germany to Spennymoor in Tony Blair's constituency of Sedgefield precisely because of Britain's less restrictive employment rules.

Labour promised full employment but was more interested in appearing to care than truly helping people. Meanwhile, the Government was creating "a high productivity, high wage, high-tech, highly competitive economy".

Harriet Harman, the shadow Employment Secretary, responded with an assault on the Government's boast that the Chancellor's package was "a Budget for jobs". She said that Mr Portillo did not believe that it was the Government's job to help the unemployed to find work.

"We see again in this Budget the two defining characteristics of the old Thatcherite dogma," she said. "The refusal to take action to put people back into work and benefit cuts to make life even harder for the victims of the Government's failure."

Mr Portillo remained "wedded to a vision of low skills and low wages". He was "cutting back on Training for Work, the major adult training programme, by a quarter over the next two years".

"He thinks that if business wants trained people they will train them and that if business is not prepared to train them it is because business doesn't want them. While the Chancellor says he wants to attack unemployment, the Employment Secretary is much happier attacking the unemployed."



Michael Portillo and Harriet Harman: each vilified the other's policies yesterday

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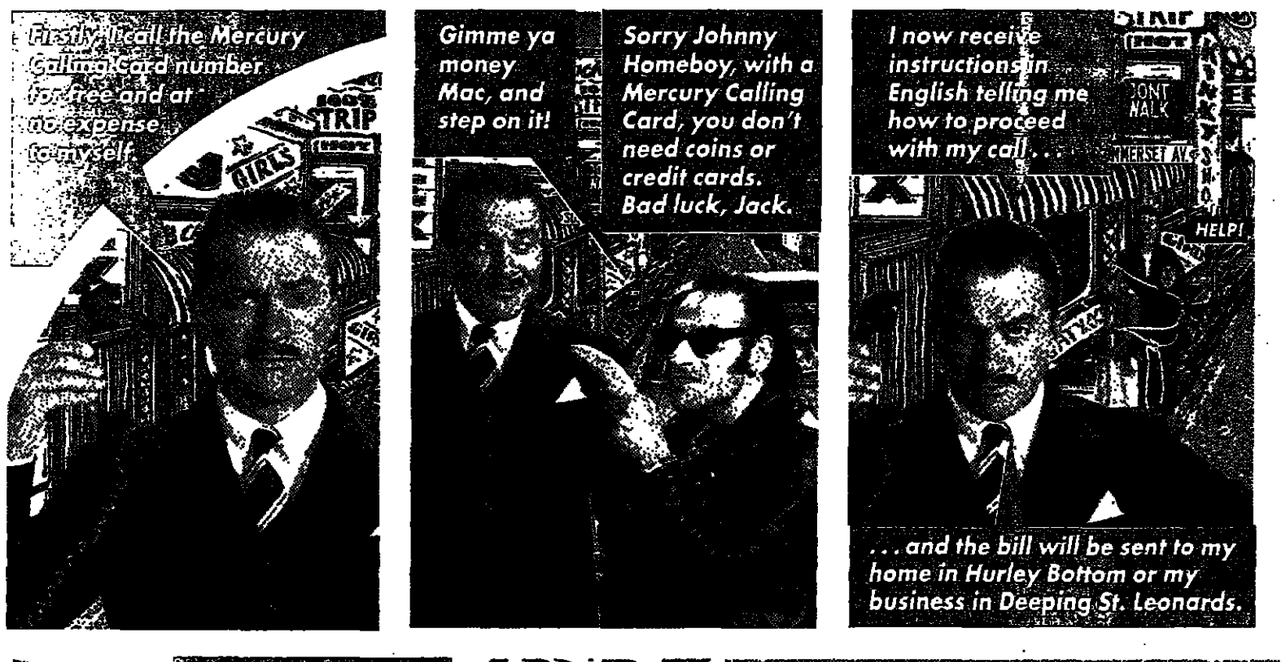
YESTERDAY: In the Commons, Sir Patrick Mayhew and his ministerial team took questions on Northern Ireland. At Prime Minister's questions there was an exchange between John Major and Tony Blair, the Labour leader, on the increase of VAT on fuel. After a statement on the following week's business from Tony Newton, Leader of the House, Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, opened the third day's debate on the Budget.

In the Lords, there was a debate on the Government's green paper on drug abuse, and questions on local government spending in the east Midlands.

TODAY: In the Commons there is a debate on the policing of London. The House of Lords is not sitting.

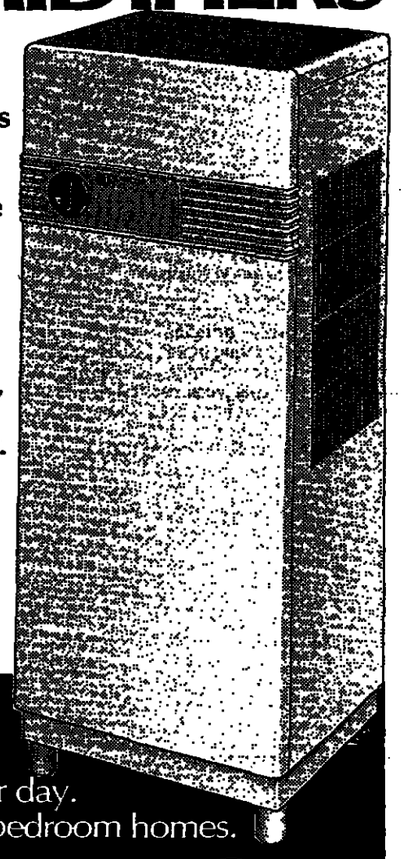
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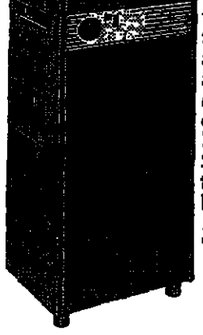


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We are the party of equal opportunity, Tory women told

NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JEREMY HANLEY sought to woo the women's vote yesterday by scorning Labour's "political correctness" and claiming that the Tories were the only party dedicated to equal opportunities.

The Conservative Party chairman tried to boost morale after the Government's latest setbacks, painting a rosy picture of a strengthening economy and accusing Labour of "cynicism" in its attacks on appointments of Tory supporters to quangos.

He told the Conservative Women's Conference that Tory philosophy was naturally in tune with the aspirations and concerns of women and their families. Unlike Labour, the Tories wanted to see women succeed on merit rather than consign them to a political ghetto or resort to positive discrimination.

Responding to concern that Conservative women, with just 19 MPs, are badly underrepresented in the Commons, he appealed for more women to put themselves forward for election. "This Conservative Party has a proud record of offering real opportunity to women in the political life of this country. That's why I want more and more women Conservative candidates at the parliamentary, European and local levels."

Women could be confident they would be given every chance to succeed. "If they are selected, they will know that the Conservative Party sees them as able candidates first, and women second."

Mr Hanley, speaking on the opening day of the two-day conference in London, attacked Labour's women-only shortlist in half of all winnable seats and the so-called assisted places scheme for elections to the shadow Cabinet. "The Labour Party's policy is the institutionalisation of political correctness," he said. "Labour lost the women's vote at the last general election. And they will lose it again at the next.

"One reason why is Labour's policy of discrimination, which patronises and diminishes the contribution that women can make to political life. We are the only party of equal opportunity, of real opportunity, and of opportunity on merit. Unlike Labour, we will never pray at the altar of political correctness. That creed is alien to us and, I believe, the mainstream of the nation."

On Labour criticism of Tory appointments to quangos, he said: "We want people who are committed to the success of the boards that they join. We want them to make their NHS trusts and their grant-maintained schools a real success. Why should we appoint people who are dedicated to the failure of our reforms and the destruction of these institutions?"

Mr Hanley defended the Budget, saying that its tough approach to controlling inflation and promoting employment and sustainable growth would build the platform for political recovery. "It will take time for the British mind to adjust to the benefits of a low-inflation recovery. It will take time to overcome natural scepticism born of decades of boom and bust. It will take time for the magnitude of what we have achieved to become clear. But the good news will get through that Britain is growing stronger and with it our party will grow stronger."



Hanley sees cash donations plunge

BY ANDREW PIERCE

CORPORATE donations to the Tory party have slumped to a near record low, according to Labour Party figures. About 140 traditionally loyal companies have cancelled their subscriptions to Conservative Central Office, which is £16 million in the red.

Leading deserters include Allied Domecq, which in the past has given more than £500,000 to the party; Racal Electronics, £475,000; and Argyll, the owners of Safeway, which had given £220,000 since 1985. Lazards, the merchant bank that used to be chaired by Sir John Nott, the former Defence Secretary, has also withheld support.

The figures were revealed yesterday by Labour Research, an independent trade union and Labour organisation, which conducted a survey of 5,000 UK companies. They found that in the year ending March 1994 only 168 companies gave financial support to the Tories, the lowest number traced by the Labour research unit. The companies donated £2.5 million, the third lowest sum in the past 15 years. Jeremy Hanley, the Tory party chairman, is already contending with a 20 per cent fall in financial support from constituency associations.

Other long-time supporters have drastically reduced their contributions. Taylor Woodrow, the construction group, gave a mere £5,000 to its local Conservative association in Ealing, compared with £124,500 to party funds in the last election year. British Airways, whose donations had reached as much as £40,000 a year until Lord King clashed with John Major's Government, has not resumed financial support. Tate & Lyle has halved its donation to £25,000. Glaxo, one of the top ten contributors, has cut its contribution by a third to £60,000.

Tate & Lyle confirmed that along with many other companies it was assessing whether it was right to make donations. Rolls-Royce faced criticism from shareholders at its annual meeting over its £60,000 contribution.

Conservative Central Office declined to discuss the donations. "We never discuss our financial position," a spokesman said.

Patience tested by rebel antics

ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

TORY women are seething about the disloyal antics going on in the leather-bound gentlemen's club on the Thames. Gathering in Hammersmith for their sixty-third Tory women's conference, more than 800 handbag-wielding representatives, the backbone of the party's voluntary wing, quickly made their displeasure known.

They are furious that all their hard work — bringing out the vote and raising funds with countless pots of home-made jam — is being jeopardised by the handful of deselected rebels, mostly men. They see their betrayal of the party as worse manners than "the bad-mouth thugs on the streets". Some called for them to be "strung up".

Baroness Seccombe, vice-chairman of the party, received rapturous applause when she told the conference: "I know there are many like me who are fed up with the small group of rebels who give the media the chance to paint us as a divided party. We must not let these few get away with it."

Elizabeth Gibson, from Lambeth, said: "The rebels deserve everything they get. Their behaviour is appalling. Unity is the name of the game, they are just a tiny chip of the iceberg and should sink without trace."

Their message is clear: the economy is turning, no one else cares about Europe so why is the Tory party tearing itself apart? Their loyalty is unfailing. They have bought more jigsaw puzzles of the Major family in a day than have been sold in the rest of the year.

The women cannot understand how a few MPs could have ruined Post Office privatisation and there are equally brisk supporters of VAT on fuel. "I don't believe all these pensioners are going to die of hypothermia," Ann Tribe, from Monmouth, said. "They've been given compensation and under the Tories their savings are safe and they can wrap up warm."

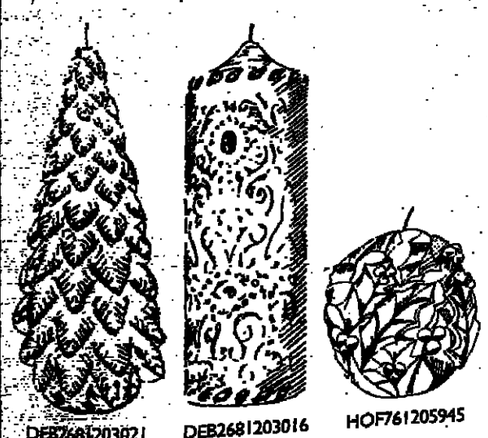
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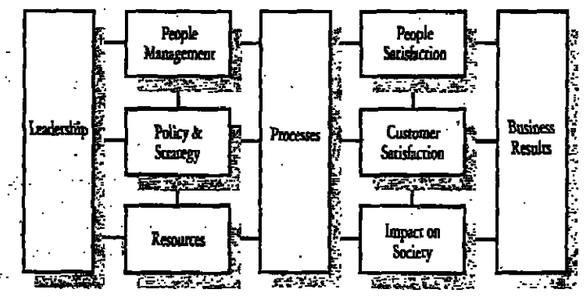
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Steel and glass structure at Waterloo designed by Nicholas Grimshaw wins another award

Hi-tech tunnel terminal is building of the year

THE Waterloo International Terminal, the starting point for Channel Tunnel trains, has won another accolade (Marcus Binney writes). The Royal Institute of British Architects (Riba) last night named the sinuous glass and steel structure Building of the Year.

Dr Francis Duffy, Riba's president, said: "This is a world-class building which nudges the boundaries of technical feasibility. It creates its own wholly convincing urban order amidst inner-city squalor."

The 400-metre structure is the work of the architect Nicholas Grimshaw and the engineer Tony Hunt. Mr Grimshaw said: "The new terminus took a thousand man years to design. Like a great Gothic cathedral, the structure is made up of relatively few components, infinitely refined. It is the product not just of engineering calculation, but of actual physical testing of every part, which allowed us to create the most athletic and sinuous form."

Mr Hunt describes his brand of engineering minimalism as "using the minimum number of parts to do the maximum number of jobs".

The station roof has a total steel weight of a thousand tonnes. The banana-shaped, bow-string trusses are joined together and anchored to the platforms by cast-steel knuckles and stainless-steel pins. "The roof has been designed to ensure it will suffer only local damage if a support is removed by an accident," Mr Hunt said.

Last weekend Mr Grimshaw won Europe's most renowned architecture prize, the Mies van der Rohe Pavillion award. Months earlier the Waterloo terminal was granted the Quaternario award for innovative technology in architecture. The new high-tech Waterloo would also have won praise from John Ruskin, the fiercest of all critics of railway architecture. He wrote: "Better bury gold in the embankments than put it in ornaments on the stations. Railway architecture would have a dignity of its own if only it were left to its work. You would not put rings on the fingers of a smith at his anvil."

The building has also been widely praised for being completed on time and on budget, unlike the railway it serves. A Riba spokesman said: "Grimshaw gave his client an exact day for completion. In the event the handover had to be postponed for two days because it clashed with a cup final but it was still a year ahead of the first public train."

The glass-roofed terminus differs in one important respect from its 19th-century predecessors. Travellers must wait in airport-style departure lounges below the platforms till shortly before the trains leave. This would not have met the approval of the Great Western manager who said: "The British like to meander up and down the platforms and would raise a loud cry if curtailed of their liberty to do so."

So far the only complaints have come from coach drivers, who say they must make a three-point turn when dropping passengers off.

The runners-up for the Riba award are an all-glass conservatory extension to a house in Hampstead, north London, by Rick Mather Architects, the Cable & Wireless College, Coventry, by MacCormack Jamieson Prichard; the Glyndebourne Opera House by Michael Hopkins & Partners; and the Queen's Building, University of East Anglia, Norwich, by John Miller & Partners.



The international terminal — "a world-class building which nudges the boundaries of technical feasibility"

'Boss 'not to blame' for canoe tragedy

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE head of the company that ran the Dorset activity centre involved in the Lyme Bay canoe tragedy said yesterday that he was not to blame for what happened.

Peter Kite, 45, managing director of Active Learning and Leisure, told Winchester Crown Court that he had no direct responsibility for the events of March 22 last year when four teenagers drowned. Asked if he considered himself blameless, he replied: "On a personal level, yes I do."

Neil Butterfield, QC, for the prosecution, then asked if responsibility lay with Joseph Stoddart, the centre manager. Mr Kite said: "Initially, yes, but there were a great number of faults which make up this accident."

He said that while it was Mr Stoddart's overall responsibility to allow the canoe expedition to take place, some responsibility lay with the instructors.

However, he admitted that some of his company brochure was misleading. The court was told that the brochure, printed in 1992, said that "wherever there is a governing body of a sport, we have followed [its] rules and procedures" but Mr Butterfield said that was not always so. Mr Kite replied: "It's not dishonest, it's incorrect." He rejected Mr Butterfield's claim that he was interested in marketing rather than safety.

Mr Stoddart, 53, denies manslaughter through gross negligence. Mr Kite and Active Learning and Leisure, now OLL Ltd, also deny the charge. The trial continues.

Lottery fever boosts bond sales

BY A STAFF REPORTER

SALES of Premium Bonds went up last month, buoyed by excitement over the National Lottery.

Publicity for the £1 million-plus jackpot from the lottery has made people look at other ways of winning a fortune, a National Savings spokesman said. "Early indications are that sales were up on the last half of November," he said.

The ninth £1 million Premium Bond winner was announced yesterday as the holder of bond 18WZ 712021, who lives in Norfolk. The spokesman said sales of Premium Bonds had "gone through the roof", increasing four-fold, since the jackpot went up from £250,000 to £1 million in April.

The Government was taking in an average £150 million a month in bond sales, he said. Some £19 million in prize money was being distributed monthly.He said: "We give out almost 295,000 prizes a month and increasing the top prize would make the other wins smaller. We are quite happy with the amount of sales at the moment. The £1 million seems to be a big draw."

About four billion Premium Bonds have been sold since the start of the scheme, which was designed as a revenue earner for the Government. Many are bought by people depositing large amounts to lower the odds of winning prizes regularly.

☐ From today *The Times* will carry Premium Bond results on the Court and Social page..... Page 22

Mild autumn's plentiful catch

BY MORAG PRESTON

FISH is available in abundance this weekend, thanks to the exceptionally mild November. Large fillets of cod are well priced at about £3 a lb and mackerel remains a bargain at about 90p a pound. Shellfish is selling well, with oysters at 50p each, mussels at £2.30 for a 2kg bag, on-shell scallops at about £1 each.

Prawns, even the frozen kind, are good for healthy stir-fry dishes as well as creamier Italian concoctions. Perhaps the best buy at Iceland is 800g of prawns for £6.69. Frozen prawns cost £3.45 for 450g at Safeway, and £4.99 at Waitrose.

Advertised best buys include:

Budgens: Young's frozen prawns £2.85 for 340g; value-pack broccoli 69p for 500g; Marques De Caro Tinto Reserva Spanish red wine £2.59 for 75cl.

Co-op: pack of eight Birds Eye oven-crispy fish fingers for 99p; Uncle Ben's long-grain rice at 85p for 375g; Sara Lee chocolate fudge cheesecake at £1.39 for 390g.

Harrods: salmon en croute at £4.15 per 100g; baby Lancashire cheeses at £13.95 each; filled turkey breast with mushroom and pistachio at £2.15 per 100g.

Iceland: smoked salmon at £5.99 for 300g; broccoli florets at 99p for 2lb; two litres of chocolate-chip ice-cream at £1.49.

Marks & Spencer: garlic mussels £2.99 a lb; layered vegetables for £1.19; saffron rice for 99p.

Oddbins: six bottles of Cuvée Napa by Mumm for £7.49; Boddingtons Draught at £19.99 a case; Cragganmore 12-year-old malt for £19.99 a bottle.

Safeway: Buitoni spaghetti at 49p for 500g; British rindless back bacon unsmoked for £1.59 a lb; Minervois red wine at £2.15 for 75cl.

WEEKEND SHOPPING

Sainsbury's: Arctic Crown prawns £2.79 for 400g; Birds Eye garden peas at 99p for 2lb; Cotes du Rousillon at £2.49 for 75cl.

Somerfield: medium prawns at £3.28 for 400g; pre-pack broccoli at 39p for 227g; Black Forest gateau at 89p for 326g.

Waitrose: fresh Canadian lobster £5.95 each; frozen cauliflower, broccoli and carrot mix at 99p for 2lb; raspberry trifle £1.25 for 397g.

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US forces get extra $25bn as Clinton shifts to centre

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

IN THE first sign of a substantial shift to the American political centre, President Clinton announced yesterday the injection of an additional $25 billion (£16 billion) into the military budget to help to improve the readiness of the armed forces and the quality of life for serving American troops.

The money will help to cover a $40 billion shortfall over five years that has been created by increases in salaries and by inflation and is intended as a peace offering to those in the Republican Party who have argued for some time that Mr Clinton's budget cuts have crippled American military capability.

"It focuses on the issue of readiness, making sure the force is able to conduct and win the nation's wars," a senior Pentagon official said. "This means there will be more flying hours for pilots and more steaming hours for ships."

It remains uncertain where the extra funds will be made available, but expected weapons programme cuts were not due to be announced by the President last night.

The increases, which will begin in October next year, are also designed to address the concerns of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Congress that the American military has been falling short of its primary goal of being able to fight successfully conflicts on two fronts.

American generals felt that the armed forces were stretched to their limits earlier this year after soldiers were deployed in Haiti before President Aristide's return and in Kuwait. With the present possibility of some intervention in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Pentagon, which is consistently at odds with the White House over military deployment, will view the declaration as a sign of support.

At the same time, provisions to improve housing and the quality of life for American soldiers will be seen as a fillip to army morale.

Mr Clinton has already approved $264 billion for defence spending in the current financial year and Republicans had said that that must be increased in the coming years to make up for cuts in military spending since the end of the Cold War.

"I have pledged that throughout the life of this Administration our military will remain the best trained, best equipped, the best fighting force on earth," President Clinton said at the White House. "We ask much of our military and we owe much to them."

The announcement, seen as a clear shift to the centre by the President, came as Democrats in the House soundly rejected the call for new and more centrist faces to lead their minority ranks.

They voted to make Richard Gephardt, of Missouri, their leader, a move that immediately prompted speculation about the possible defection to the Republican Party of a number of more conservative Democrats, including Billy Tauzin, Jimmy Hayes, Mike Parker and Gene Taylor, after Charlie Rose, of North Carolina, and Charles Stenholm, of Texas, failed in their challenges for the party's House leadership.

The conservatives in the party have been highly critical of liberals in the weeks following the party's big losses in the mid-term elections, blaming the defeat on the leadership's failure to incorporate moderate views. Democrats also elected David Bonior, of Michigan, as minority whip and Vic Fazio, of California, as chairman of the party caucus, making a clear statement that there would be no movement away from the political platform that had proved so damaging in the elections.

Mr Tauzin, a representative for Louisiana and one of the most conservative Democrats in the House, met Newt Gingrich, the incoming Speaker, earlier this week and was said by Ken Johnson, his press secretary, to be "considering very carefully the possibility of switching parties".

Others were equally noncommital. Mr Parker, of Mississipi, was said by Art Rhodes, his assistant, to be disgusted with the way the vote had turned out.



Beverly Harvard, unanimously voted police chief in Atlanta, the most dangerous US city

Crusader Gingrich writes raunchy novel

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

NEWT Gingrich proclaims that he wants to do nothing less than save American civilisation by renewing family values. However, in his spare time the next House Speaker has been writing a steamy novel, it was revealed yesterday.

Try reading this to your children at night: "Suddenly the pouting sex kitten gave way to Diana the Huntress. She rolled onto him and somehow was sitting athwart his chest, her knees pinning his shoulders. 'Tell me, or I will make you do terrible things,' she hissed."

Or this: "Even though it had been only minutes since their last lovemaking, John Mayhew was as ever overwhelmed by the sight of her, the shameless pleasure she took in her own body . . ."

The novel, provisionally called *1945*, explores what might have happened had Hitler not declared war on America. Mr Mayhew is apparently the White House Chief of Staff, doubtless in a Democratic Administration, and his seductress a spy seeking to extract state secrets.

Mr Gingrich said yesterday that he had asked his publisher to "tone it down".

In 1962 Mr Gingrich, then 19, married his geometry teacher, who was seven years his senior, and his family boycotted the wedding. The future Speaker won his first congressional election in 1978 by attacking his opponent for breaking up her family, but two years later he left his wife, presenting the divorce papers in hospital while she was recovering from a cancer operation.

He admitted in an interview that his private conduct had fallen short of what he preached in public. One of Mr Gingrich's daughters campaigns for the right to abortion, which the Republicans oppose, and he has a half-sister who is openly lesbian. As he has said, "life can be complicated".



Gingrich: wants to save US civilisation

Atlanta's top cop is black woman

BY TOM RHODES

AT A party in 1973 Beverly Harvard accepted a $100 (£64) bet from her husband that she had neither the physique nor commitment required to join the police force. Nearly 22 years later she is Atlanta's new chief of police and the first black female to run a city police department.

"It was a long time ago and my husband, Jimmy, and a friend of his were talking about how the women who might be suited to be police officers had to be 6 ft 2 in tall, weigh 200 lb and have deep voices," said Ms Harvard, 43.

"I thought they were being ridiculous and wanted to get this piece of paper and wave it in their faces. I wouldn't have done it if I had known then that all this was involved."

Much is riding on her appointment. Not least the success of the 1996 Olympics, an event expected to draw 400,000 visitors and a host of security headaches. For a brief few weeks the eyes of the world will focus on a city that was ranked recently as the most dangerous in the country.

There has been some criticism of her limited experience in walking the beat. Although Ms Harvard began her career patrolling the notorious Atlanta "strip", the centre for drug-dealing and prostitution, she was moved to a desk job less than two years later.

With degrees in sociology and public administration, she swiftly scaled the management ladder.

Legal heretic faces his judgment day

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A JUDGE in Louisiana who sentences offenders to church instead of jail is now being hauled before the courts himself, accused of violating the American Constitution.

Judge Thomas Quirk, who has a sign outside his office in Lake Charles proclaiming, "God's Laws Have No Loopholes", has ordered as many as 400 petty criminals to attend regular church services as an alternative to prison.

But the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) says the practice violates the Constitution's ban on state-sponsored religion, and has filed suit on behalf of a man sentenced by Judge Quirk to attend church for drunken driving.

An unrepentant Judge Quirk, described by his pastor as a "born-again" Christian, says he is simply putting to the test the popular theory that the growing crime in America is the result of a breakdown in moral values.

He tells many offenders who appear before him that they can avoid prison or a fine if they agree to go to church regularly for a year, and have a priest or preacher sign a card to prove it.

He says church is a good alternative when someone wants to plead guilty to a minor offence but cannot afford the fine.

"Nowadays, we are desperately looking for alternatives to putting people in jail," he explains. "We are trying to find things that not only in some way make them pay, but also benefit them."

But the drunken driver involved in the ACLU's lawsuit says he found the sentence "humiliating". Gregory Thompson, 25, a bricklayer, says he was given no choice on his sentence when he entered a "no-contest" plea in 1993. He has already completed his year of churchgoing.

The ACLU wants the courts to rule that Judge Quirk's sentencing policy, although popular with local people, is unconstitutional and should be stopped.

The organisation cites as a precedent another Louisiana case in which a church sentence was ruled unconstitutional, and a federal case in which a judge's practice of starting court sessions with a prayer was ruled illegal.

But Judge Quirk insists he will continue sending offenders to church. "I'm not going to stop until the courts tell me I've got to," he said.

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Chechens fight on after Yeltsin deadline expires

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN GROZNY AND RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN troops massed on the borders of rebellious Chechenia yesterday as aircraft repeatedly attacked the capital, Grozny, hitting the airport again and killing at least two civilians.

As a Moscow deadline for the threatened use of force expired, neither President Yeltsin nor President Dudayev, the Chechen leader, showed any sign of backing down.

Senior Russian military officers confirmed that interior ministry troops and regular army forces had been reinforced along the Chechen border and witnesses reported armour and thousands of soldiers pouring into the airport at Mozdok, about 80 miles from Grozny.

A day after a Russian deadline to disarm had passed, President Dudayev and his supporters were expecting to be attacked at any moment, but remained defiant.

The Kremlin repeated that it would carry out "a packet of measures" to reimpose central authority on the breakaway republic, while Russian aircraft dropped leaflets over Grozny calling on people to put down their arms.

Sheltering from air attack in a presidential headquarters cellar, General Dudayev told a press conference he was ready to die rather than submit to Moscow. "My spirit is calm, because my people are with me and ready to fight. Russia itself will not survive a war against us," said the former Soviet Air Force officer who seized power and declared independence from Russia three years ago. "My death will demonstrate that Russia is truly the evil empire. It will be the begining of the end of Russia."

Yusef Shamsedin, Chechen Foreign Minister, gave a warning that if his country were attacked, Chechens would raid and destroy Russian nuclear power stations. "We are the only people Yeltsin is afraid of because he knows what sort of people we are," he said, apparently referring to his countrymen's ruthless reputation.



It became clear yesterday that President Yeltsin's threat to impose a state of emergency on Chechenia by sending in ground forces would depend on the fate of Russian soldiers captured by President Dudayev's forces at the weekend as they attacked Grozny with Chechen opposition fighters. But in Grozny, President Dudayev repeated his threat to try the captives "under Islamic law", which imposes the death penalty against mercenaries.

The Chechen government has named 13 of the prisoners and claims to be holding dozens more. Yesterday a crowd outside government headquarters demanded that for every future air attack on Grozny a Russian prisoner should be hanged from a parachute. Hopes for a compromise lay with a Russian parliamentary delegation headed by Sergei Yushenkov, chairman of the defence committee, who arrived for talks in Grozny to win the release of some prisoners as a goodwill gesture.

However, Vladimir Lysenko, a delegation member, said after meeting the Chechen leader that President Dudayev refused to discuss any compromise over his country's self-declared independence from Russia. The President was more explicit: "There is no language in which it is possible to talk honestly with Russians," he said.

One of the captured soldiers, Private Andrei Chazov, told a press conference yesterday that he had spent some months with the Kantamir armoured division stationed near Moscow. Looking haggard and terrified, the conscript, 21, said he and 20 men from his unit had been ordered to the borders of Chechenia a day before the attack. They were given tanks and ordered to proceed to Grozny. Private Chazov said when they arrived in Grozny they came under heavy fire and the Russians and Chechens with him ran away.

He said that among the Russians were regular soldiers and mercenaries. No one had told him why he was fighting or who he was fighting for. If the prisoners are killed it will not only cause a wave of revulsion in Russia against the Chechens, but also perhaps against President Yeltsin and General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, who sent half-trained conscripts into the operation.



President Dudayev, right, and one of his generals salute their troops at a military review earlier this year

Most Chechens agree that Russian military intervention would unite resistance against Moscow, even among those who oppose the Dudayev regime.

"We support neither Dudayev nor the opposition, but if Russians come here, we will all fight them, because we all have guns, and we know how Russian troops behave," said Zahid Emir, a restaurant owner. Sultan Geliskhanov, Chechen Security Minister, said: "If Russia attacks there will be a major battle, with many casualties."

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Britain protests over Rock

London: Britain summoned Alberto Aza Arias, the Spanish Ambassador, to the Foreign Office yesterday to protest about the new checks on those crossing the border between Spain and Gibraltar (Michael Binyon writes). It said the action seriously interfered with cross-border traffic and daily life.

David Davis, Minister for Europe, said the secondary checks imposed by Spain were intrusive and could not be presented seriously as a search for drugs and tobacco. He warned the Ambassador that they would damage the prospects for co-operation between Gibraltar and Spanish authorities on areas of mutual concern.

Health move

Jerusalem: Israel has handed over the administration of health services and taxation for the 1.2 million Arabs in the Occupied West Bank to the Palestinian National Authority.

Discord denied

Los Angeles: Bob Jones, Michael Jackson's manager, has denied reports that the pop star and Lisa Marie Presley, the daughter of Elvis, might soon divorce after six months of marriage.

UN blamed

Brussels: An inquiry into the murder in April of ten Belgians on guard duty in Kigali, Rwanda, by government soldiers found the UN partly to blame because of inadequate self-defence rules. *(AP)*

Scientist held

Delhi: Nambi Narayanan, a senior Indian space scientist, has been arrested for allegedly leaking information about the country's rocket programme abroad for sex and money. *(AFP)*

End of the line

Tokyo: A shoplifter who stole £60 of fishing gear and fled in a lorry was arrested an hour later after a 32-mile police chase involving 20 patrol cars, 18 motorcycles and a helicopter. *(Reuter)*

Taiwan old guard fights to win poll

BY JAMES PRINGLE

AN OFFICIAL of the nationalist Kuomintang (KMT) party, which has ruled Taiwan since fleeing the Communists on the Chinese mainland in 1949, warned yesterday of "social chaos" if the KMT loses the first islandwide elections tomorrow.

Since martial law was lifted in 1987 and under pressure from a burgeoning middle class demanding more freedom, the KMT has presided over a startling relaxation of hardline policies and the one-party rule of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the late former leader.

It accuses the main opposition group, the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), of wanting to break Taiwan's constitutional links with China and declare independence at once. But Peking maintains that Taiwan is its province and has repeatedly warned that it may use force to reunify the island with China if independence was declared.

Some Taiwanese legislators say that Peking is bluffing, but others are not so sure.

The KMT has also claimed that the third group contesting the elections, the New Party, which is made up of mainly former supporters of Chiang, back reunification of the island, an economic powerhouse of 21 million people.

James Soong, the incumbent Governor, a mainlander Chinese and KMT leader who helped suppress native Taiwanese, has now had to learn the Taiwanese dialect to win votes. Diplomats in Taipei, the bustling but traffic-choked capital, say the election campaign has been "exuberant and vitriolic", thanks to a freer media.

Tomorrow's elections for the posts of Governor of Taiwan, the Mayors of Taiwan's two main cities, Taipei and Kaohsiung, provincial assemblies and city councils, are local elections. Nevertheless, opinion polls indicate it will be the closest-fought election in Taiwan, with the DPP candidate for Mayor of Taipei running slightly ahead of his KMT rival. The polls are a prelude to key presidential elections in 1996.

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US plea fails to keep Red Army Faction bomber in jail

Bonn frees Seventies terrorist

FROM ROGER BOYES, GERMANY CORRESPONDENT

THE German authorities freed Irmgard Möller, the unrepentant symbol of the country's left-wing terrorist movement yesterday, despite protests from Washington.

The brunette, 47, who has spent almost half her life in jail, threw up her arms in victory as she left Lübeck prison into the embrace of well-wishers. Frau Möller was serving a life sentence for her part in a 1972 bomb attack against a US military barracks in Heidelberg. Three American soldiers were killed, and the US Administration has not forgotten the fact.

The State Department could barely conceal its irritation yesterday. "While we respect the independence of German courts, we are disturbed that an unrepentant terrorist who murdered three American soldiers has been freed from prison," said a spokesman. "Prior to this parole the United States formally reiterated to the government of Germany its view that convicted terrorists should serve their full prison term."

The former member of the Red Army Faction was sent to jail in 1972, in a different era: the East German state, which sheltered some West German terrorists, was thriving; Willy Brandt, the late Chancellor, had just won an election on the slogan "Let's risk more democracy", and the Vietnam War was edging towards its dramatic finale.

It was fury at Germany's willingness to support America and thus morally underwrite the Vietnam War that persuaded the Red Army faction to seek out American targets. The group's overall strategy was to provoke the state into deploying a huge police force, thus giving the impression that the state was able to rule only by force. The terrorists killed people regarded as particularly sensitive to West German interests, including the industrialist, Hans Martin Schleyer, and the banker, Alfred Herrhausen.

Frau Möller was obviously not involved in the past 22 years of terrorism, but she appears not to have abandoned her beliefs. "The armed struggle was legitimate," she wrote recently. But prison psychologists and investigative judges have decreed that she no longer poses a danger to society. The assumption is that the authorities will start to release other terrorists. Between 1982 and 1986 a series of Faction members were arrested, including Christian Klar and Adelheid Schulz, expected to serve long prison terms.



Möller: after her conviction in 1972

But sociologists and some police officials are arguing that keeping them in jail could create martyrs for a new generation of terrorists who were not born when Frau Möller was first jailed. The "Freedom for Irmgard Möller" campaign has inspired countless demonstrations over the past decade. Much depends on the willingness of the authorities to enter a dialogue with the terrorist milieu. The Red Army Faction signalled last year that it would renounce violent methods and seems to have kept its word. But terrorism is divided between hardline prisoners who refuse to enter any kind of deal with the German state: more moderate prisoners who say they want an "exchange of ideas" with the government; terrorists in hiding for crimes committed a decade or more ago; and younger terrorists who are prepared to stage attacks if there is no progress on freeing the older generation.

The government is unsure how to proceed. Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, and his Free Democrat Party seem to favour opening a dialogue, but he does not have Cabinet support. The decisive argument of the stay-tough school is that some crimes, such as the murder in 1989 of Herrhausen and in 1991 of Detlev Rohwedder, the privatisation chief, are still unsolved. To grant a general amnesty now to the Red Army Faction would mean allowing the killers to slip away unpunished.

As far as relations with the United States are concerned, the most important decision will be whether to release Birgit Hogefeld. She was arrested last year and is accused of attacking a US air base in Frankfurt and the murder of an American soldier.



The aftermath of the 1972 attack on a US barracks in Heidelberg. Three soldiers died



Irmgard Möller smiles at cheering supporters after her release yesterday from Lübeck prison, where she was serving a life sentence

Gaullists rule out plan for primaries

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

A BRIEF attempt to impose order on the chaos of French politics ended yesterday when the Right conceded that it could not organise primary elections to separate its main presidential challengers.

With the country's ruling coalition torn between partisans of Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister, and Jacques Chirac, the Mayor of Paris, American-style primaries were touted as a way out of the morass.

The idea, launched by Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, won support among Gaullist party members and their centrist UDF coalition partners last month as it became evident that right-wing division was playing into the hands of Jacques Delors, the likely Socialist candidate.

No sooner had the concept been accepted, however, than practical, organisational difficulties emerged. M Chirac's supporters, aware that he was lagging in the polls and likely to lose the primaries, were at pains to emphasise the pitfalls although careful to claim that they were in favour of the theory.

Yesterday their strategy paid off: a working group set up by the two parties accepted the "impossibility" of holding primaries.

Berlusconi gives in to union demands

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALIAN trade union leaders yesterday called off a general strike threatened for today after Silvio Berlusconi, the embattled Prime Minister, made substantial concessions on pension reform in his 1995 austerity Budget.

Signor Berlusconi and a team of ministers reached agreement with trade union leaders after all-night talks at Palazzo Chigi. The deal was welcome news to most Italians since there were widespread fears that the strike could lead to clashes between demonstrators and police.

It also enhances the Prime Minister's chances of remaining in office at least until the Budget is passed. His coalition government has been in danger of collapse since he was placed under investigation last week by Milan magistrates on suspicion of bribing tax officials.

But it remains to be seen whether the concessions will effectively wreck the government's efforts to rein in the huge public spending deficit that threatens Italy with bankruptcy.

Under the deal, the pension reform elements in the Budget will be removed from the Finance Bill and presented to parliament in another Bill, giving MPs more time to discuss how the reforms can be implemented without hurting poorer Italians. "We have arrived at apositive conclusion," Sergio Cofferati, the president of the CGIL trade union federation, said.

Clemente Mastella, the Labour Minister, said: "This is a good thing for everyone, not just for pensioners."

Signor Berlusconi meanwhile denied suggestions that the government had sought to use its influence to sabotage the investigations under way against him by Judge Antonio Di Pietro in Milan.

During a news conference yesterday the Prime Minister said: "I couldn't stay in this country if I were to be charged with these deeds because I'd be ashamed to meet people on the street."

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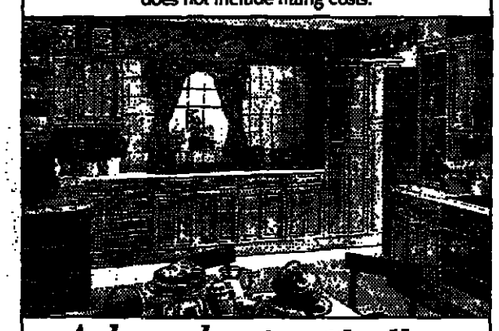
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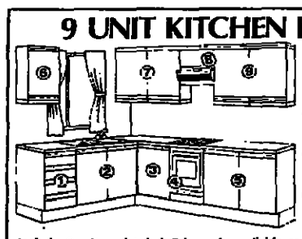
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Allies to offer new sweetener to Serbs in push for peace

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

THE five-nation Contact Group will today offer new concessions to the Bosnian Serbs in an effort to tempt them into signing the international peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Diplomats say the foreign ministers of Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States plan to issue a statement after their meeting in Brussels today laying out two important "clarifications" to the peace plan. The group will make it clear that the Bosnian Serbs will have the right to form a confederacy with the Serb-led rump of Yugoslavia in the same way that the Muslim-Croat alliance in Bosnia can link up with Croatia.

Members will also agree that the Bosnian Serbs' signature on the peace plan will not require them to retreat immediately to the lines drawn on the map apportioning them just 49 per cent of Bosnian territory. Instead, there is expected to be a period of up to three months during which the Serbs, who now hold about 70 per cent of Bosnia, will be allowed to negotiate land-swaps with the Muslim-Croat authorities.

At a Nato meeeting in Brussels yesterday, British and French officials underlined that putting pressure on the Bosnian Serbs to accept a negotiated partition was now "the only game in town". Deterring the Serb campaign by airstrikes was an "inoperable and impossible" strategy, Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, said.

"I think everyone here is clear that we have to relaunch the negotiating effort." Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said. Mr Hurd and M Juppé plan to fly to Belgrade on Sunday to put the latest proposals to President Milosevic of Serbia.

The Nato governments, who met amid gloomy predictions about the Alliance's future, yesterday buried their recent quarrels over Bosnia in giving tacit blessing to the Anglo-French initiative. British officials said privately that they had been startled to discover how sensitive the US Administration was to accusations that its zig-zags over Bosnia were likely to wreck Nato.

American officials have gone to great lengths to mend the fences broken by Robert Dole, the Republican leader of the Senate, who accused Britain of being particularly obstructive over Bosnia and contributing to Nato's state of "complete collapse". A senior American official said America had been supplying leadership to Nato and that "throughout this process our number one ally has been the British".

But the meeting, devoted to containing the damage done by the transatlantic arguments of the past few weeks, was overshadowed by the disclosure of sharp criticisms of American behaviour made in a leaked despatch by the German Ambassador to Nato.



Warren Christopher, US Secretary of State, and Willy Claes, Nato Secretary-General, continue their discussions during a break in yesterday's meeting

As the foreign ministers agreed a ringing declaration of the Alliance's importance and value, a German newspaper revealed that Hermann von Richthofen, the Ambassador, recently warned his superiors about the dangers posed by America's failures to consult its allies. He said America was endangering the alliance by threatening to lift the Bosnian arms embargo unilaterally.

The German government's internal cohesion may also be strained by a request made this week by General George Joulwan, Nato's Supreme Commander in Europe, for German Tornadoes to join Nato air operations in Bosnia. Germany has so far sent no troops or planes to the Balkans.

The alliance's foreign ministers made no formal decisions about Bosnia but were relieved to discover that the US government has, for the moment, abandoned its push to switch effective control of the European troops in Bosnia from the United Nations to Nato. But, if talks fail, the British and French governments still fear that the US government will be pushed to lift the arms embargo against the Bosnian Muslims.

At the meeting Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, criticised Nato's new plan to expand membership to East European countries and called for clarification of what it meant for Moscow's own links with the alliance.

Mr Kozyrev said clarification was needed because it appeared that this partnership "is reduced to being an auxiliary mechanism to an already adopted decision about enlargement of Nato".

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	WEU	NATO	CSCE
ORGANISATION	Western European Union	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation	Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe
MEMBERS	UK, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal and Spain are full members, with Greece to join soon. Norway, Iceland and Turkey are associated members; Denmark and Ireland are observers	United States, Canada, Britain, France, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, The Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Greece and Turkey	53 nations, including the US, Canada, all European and many Central Asian states. Originally 35 members. Yugoslavia suspended in July 1992 when fighting began
ORIGINAL PURPOSE	Set up in 1948 as the Brussels Treaty Organisation to provide collective self-defence for the UK, Belgium, France, Luxembourg and The Netherlands. Renamed as the WEU in 1954, it became an inter-governmental organisation for European security co-operation	Alliance set up in 1949 to provide collective security against the Warsaw Pact and to make the defence of Europe a vital national interest of the United States	Created at a 1975 Helsinki conference, the CSCE aimed to provide a forum for Nato, Warsaw Pact, and non-aligned countries to co-operate on security and other principles of international behaviour
WHAT IT DOES NOW	The future defence component of the European Union, according to the Maastricht treaty. Helps patrol Adriatic and River Danube to enforce UN trade embargo against Serbia and Montenegro	Searches for a new role since the end of the Cold War; acts as a regional peacekeeping authority under UN auspices, especially in Bosnia; debates whether or not to take in new members from Eastern Europe	Meets next week to consider its future. Critics say it is a talking shop with no military teeth. Supporters say it is good to talk. Favoured by Russia mainly because it is not Nato and gives Moscow a say in European security

Bihac plight invites further aggression

FROM MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, IN VITEZ

MAJOR-General Rupert Smith, who is to take over as United Nations commander in Bosnia-Herzegovina next month, arrived in the republic yesterday as UN military officials said there was a risk of an escalation in the war.

The successor to Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, who leaves on January 24, is in Bosnia for a brief visit. Shortly before he began receiving briefings yesterday from fellow British officers in Bugojno, Serb shells landed in the town. The attack served as a reminder to General Smith that the Serbs still believe that warfare remains a better prospect for them than a negotiated peace. Success in Bihac could encourage the Serbs to turn their concentrated firepower to other parts of Bosnia, UN sources said.

There is some optimism, however, that the war may have reached another watershed. UN officers likened the present crisis in Bihac to the period leading up to the peace agreement on February 23 this year when the Muslims and Croats formed a federation.

The UN sources said the combined impact of diplomatic pressure over Bihac and the new Russian plan granting more concessions to the Serbs could force a breakthrough.

However, although General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb army commander, has no military reason for taking Bihac town, he wants to destroy the Bosnian government BiH 5th Corps in the Bihac pocket for strategic reasons. The 5th Corps, which consists of between 5,000 and 6,000 men — only about 400 of whom are defending Bihac town — is preventing General Mladic from diverting manpower to other areas where he will want to regain territory lost to government forces in the past few months. The Bosnian force also stands in the way of a line of communication between Serb-occupied territory in northwest Bosnia and the Serbs in the Krajina enclave of Croatia.

The Serbs have been trying to force concessions from the international community, while the Muslims have been using the plight of the region's population to seek support, particularly from the Americans, for more airstrikes and greater Nato involvement.

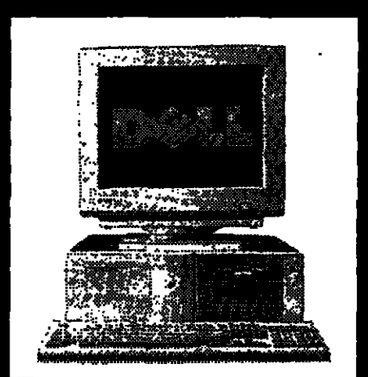
The Serbs are holding the better card. Not only have they seized back land captured when the Muslim forces broke out of the Bihac "safe area" a few weeks ago, but they are also within grasp of driving the remaining troops out of the town.

They have become acutely aware that the Muslim/Croat federation has not led to country-wide co-ordinated military action. The capture of Kupres from the Serbs last month was due to a joint operation between the Muslims and Croats, the only co-ordinated attack since the February 23 agreement. However, the Croats had wanted Kupres, and the Serbs, understanding the significance of the alliance, withdrew instead of fighting for the town. The Serbs have learned since that the Croats are not prepared to offer their services to the Muslims in every confrontation.

About a week ago, the BiH launched an offensive out of east Mostar in an attempt to drive back the Serbs based in the hills to the east of the city. UN sources said the Croats in west Mostar "did not lift a finger to help" and the BiH forces lost ground with about 270 casualties and 300 troops taken prisoner.

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Mutual suspicion erodes faith in transatlantic ties

COMMENTARY
By Peter Riddell

THIS morning Western Europe should be celebrating America's renewed commitment to internationalism after the final Senate vote on the Gatt trade agreement and its overwhelming approval in the House of Representatives. Instead, there is a high degree of mutual suspicion.

The contrast indicates that talk of a new isolationism is misplaced and oversimplified. American multinationals have seen to that. But a desire to keep open trading links is not the same as a continuation of the postwar Atlanticist approach. There is a divorce between America's corporate and security interests. The fate of Bihac is not such a threat to America's national security as to make the commitment of American ground troops even a remote possibility: unlike, say, the American response to the isolation of Berlin at the time of the airlift 45 years ago.

These tensions have got worse since Bill Clinton became President two years ago and have been dramatised by this week's visit to Europe of Senator Robert Dole, the incoming Republican majority leader. His candid remarks about the implications for Nato of the disagreements over Bosnia show that it is not just Clinton Democrats who question European policy. The new Republican leadership is equally critical. Long gone is the cosy Atlanticism of mainstream Republicans from the late 1940s until President Bush.

However much both sides deny a rift and proclaim continuing support for Nato — as both Mr Dole and John Major have done — no one involved in the talks disguises the disagreements. It is not just Bosnia, where the Clinton Administration is reluctantly accepting the limits of bombing, and is now involved in the latest Contact Group initiative on confederation. It is more that Bosnia highlights differences about what Nato can do, and the limits of peacekeeping operations. Talking to Senator Dole's advisers, who are much better-informed than most in Congress, underlines the contempt felt for the ineffectiveness of the West Europeans.

Senator Dole attempted to offer reassurance when he spoke to British Ministers, MPs and policymakers just before he returned to Washington. But he failed. Many attending left more worried about American intentions, especially from someone rightly regarded as a "moderate" Republican as well as a possible presidential candidate. He left no one in any doubt that the Republican-dominated Congress would insist upon a lifting of the arms embargo early in the New Year, unilaterally if necessary.

Moreover, the senator reiterated the America-first foreign policy he has developed over the past month. He rejected the greater willingness to operate via the United Nations which developed under President Bush. Senator Dole talked of cutting back overseas aid to America and former communist regimes.

It was all a striking contrast to Douglas Hurd's patient exposition of the dilemmas facing the West during his evidence to the foreign affairs select committee of the Commons. For the Foreign Secretary, there are no easy moral choices, only the current messy middle way of humanitarian aid and encouraging a negotiated settlement, squeezed between full-scale military intervention to stop the fighting and leaving the participants to fight it out.

Listening to the two within a few hours highlighted why the Americans and Europeans feel so frustrated with each other. This is bipartisan on both sides of the Atlantic. Just as both Democrats and Republicans want tougher action against the Bosnian Serbs, most Tory and Labour leaders favour caution.

Policymakers in London no longer feel they can rely on Washington: hence, the greater attention to defence co-operation with the French and Mr Major's praise yesterday for the call for greater European flexibility by the French Prime Minister. America is not about to abandon Nato: indeed, the senator wants to push it eastwards. Rather, there is a divergence of interests and, above all, trust, which will make an effective Nato response to future Bosnias even harder. British politicians feel more distant from their American opposite numbers than at any time in the postwar era.



A Muslim soldier, loyal to rebel leader Fikret Abdic, rejoices on capturing a trench from Bosnian government forces on the outskirts of Bihac yesterday

Serbs make UN work grind to halt

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

THE future of the United Nations mission in Bosnia has never looked so uncertain, with rebel Serbs forcing most key operations to grind to a halt, a UN official said yesterday.

The official said that the UN secretariat was expected to decide on a withdrawal or radical reorganisation of the operation within two weeks if the Serbs did not ease the pressure on peacekeepers.

UN military and relief operations "have ground to a halt in areas in which they have to cross Serb-held territory", another official said, adding that Sarajevo was the one, and probably only temporary, exception.

U Thant Myint, a UN spokesman, described an "unprecedented level of harassment and hostility against the UN" by the Serbs. On Wednesday the Serbs rebuffed Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, refusing to meet him on his desperate personal mission to Bosnia. Dr Boutros Ghali was supposed to have given a warning to Serbs that a UN pullout will soon become inevitable.

Withdrawing the 24,000 troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina, including the more than 3,000 British soldiers, would be risky, difficult and require the temporary insertion of a large Nato combat force, military planners have said. Such an operation would also leave hundreds of thousands of civilians without critically needed relief aid and almost certainly would set off ferocious fighting across the country.

"It is extremely grim," the official said. "There comes a point in which the mission is no longer viable and we are rapidly reaching that point." Another UN official said that Serb troops had staged a "commando raid" on a Ukrainian observation post in Croatian Serb-held territory near Bihac. Nine peacekeepers were abducted, adding to the 450 already being held hostage by the Serbs.

The UN also confirmed that Serb gunmen had clubbed British soldiers and "manhandled" two British women soldiers. The incident took place on November 20, but previously had been denied by the UN.

Seven British armoured vehicles had been stopped at a Serb checkpoint. After the Serbs tried to confiscate some military rations an argument ensued between the British convoy leader and the checkpoint commander.

Thirty Serb troops surrounded the convoy and became aggressive. Two British soldiers were beaten with rifle butts and a warrant officer was punched to the ground and kicked. The remaining 11 "blue helmets" were body-searched, including two women soldiers who were manhandled, according to a British UN officer.

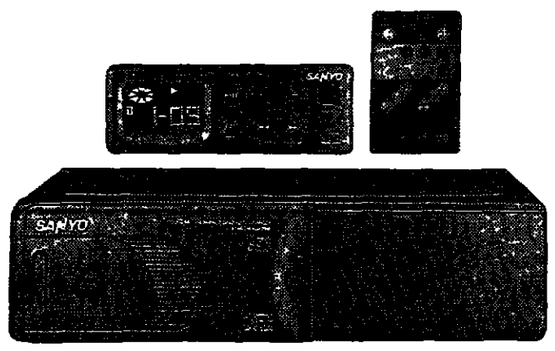
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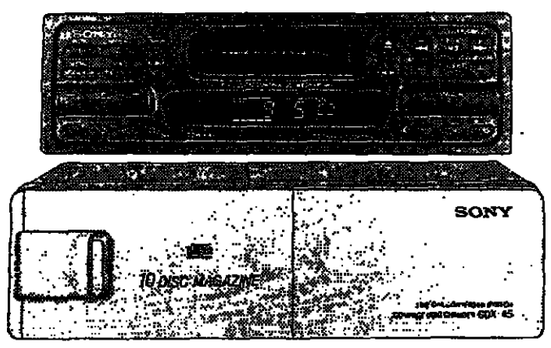
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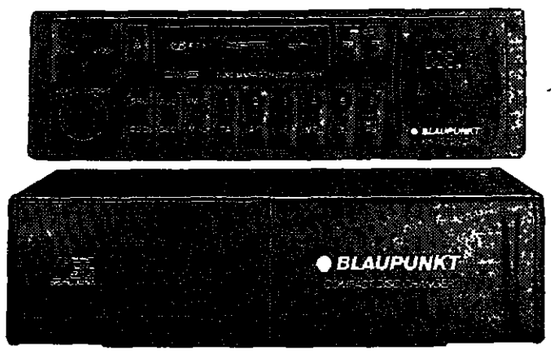
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Teresa Gorman on the hazards of being a clever woman among Tories — and the delights of whiplessness

'We are an offshore island — we're just not one of them'

CHRIS HARRIS



Teresa Gorman: "Electors didn't really understand all the fuss over Maastricht, or the straight banana drama — but they do understand the crystal-clear issue of fraud"

The whipless Teresa Gorman looked even more rejuvenated than usual as she hymned the delights of being unshackled. "It's so liberating. I'm demob-happy," she said. "It's absolutely exhilarating." Resplendent in royal blue (a deliberate statement in itself: "I am still a Conservative"), she was a glowing testimony to rebellion.

"There's a certain attraction in being a rebel and bucking the system. But it goes far deeper than that. I *know* the people in the Tory shires are feeling better for what we did."

She and the rest of the Westminster Eight (now Nine) are *in august company. Churchill* lost the whip and so did Macmillan, and look what became of them. Tristan Garel-Jones may dismiss them as "a tiny and insignificant bunch of nobodies", but ask to see their postbags. "It's as if we had climbed Everest," said Mrs Gorman. Tory voters have written in a chorus of approval.

Mrs Gorman is familiar with this response: it happens whenever she speaks about Europe at constituencies, which invite her even if their member is a Europhile (unless the member intervenes and gets her disinvited, as sometimes happens). Audiences are enraptured by her straight talking. They flock around and tell her she is not like a politician. "You're different. You speak your own mind." She sees great cathartic waves of British patriotism. "Audiences full of sullen resentment spring to life and clap and cheer and say, 'we're not normally allowed to say these things, Teresa'. They say I've given them back their national self-respect. Instead of trying to pretend we all have to be this *ersatz* creature called a *European*.

"We all like going to the Continent for our holidays," she says. "But to suggest that this disparate variety of nations has a collective identity is nonsense. Mr Major's belief, misguided by the Foreign Office and Mr Hurd, that we can change these Europeans into little British people must be one of the grand delusions of our age. We know Europe works on backhanders and baksheesh, that fraud and corruption have an entirely different meaning over there in Greece, in Italy ... and every other French mayor has his hand in the till."

Hence the letters applauding her for sticking to her principles. "They didn't really understand all the fuss over Maastricht, or the straight banana drama — but they do understand the crystal-clear issue of fraud."

But the untrammelled Mrs Gorman also admits, this week, to "that slight feeling of sadness that people feel when something they never thought would happen does happen". Having railed against the Whips' bullying tactics for years — Mrs Gorman had plenty to say about Whips, in her book, *Bastards* — their sudden removal left her with a curious sense of let-down amid the euphoria. "It's taken me a long time," says Mrs Gorman, "to become the member of any kind of club. All my life I've been an individualist. Running my own business. Setting up the Amarant Trust [which provides advice on HRT]."

In the Commons, she says, "everything is done by networking. You get very little done here as a loner. With the Fresh Start Group, I'm in a network. I've really relished having a group of chaps to work with. And they respect the fact that I give a view."

It was 2.30pm: the bell rang for prayers. "I shan't pray today," said Mrs Gorman. "Want a peppermint?"

Kenneth Clarke paid her an admiring tribute in the House for her consistency: she alone among the rebels had never voted for more money for Europe. Compare, she says, the behaviour of ministers who only start speaking the truth when relieved of office. "The hypocrisy! While in office, they follow the official line even if it means jumping over a cliff. Look at my neighbour Jonathan Aitken, poacher-turned-gamekeeper, who used to be very Euro-sceptical and told us that the European Union had the worst growth rate in the industrialised world.

"And nobody is more demob-happy than Norman Lamont, who now says he could not pinpoint a single concrete economic advantage in our being in Europe. And we all remember being in that dreadful ERM and being told it was wonderful, while banks foreclosed on small businessmen who had their houses repossessed."

When in her constituency Mrs Gorman gets her meat from a local butcher, who still dares to use wooden-handled knives and wooden chopping boards. "He is actually breaking EC law. How many people have been poisoned by meat from a local butcher? Yet Nick Soames stood at the box and defended all that. And if you ask him privately in the tea-room, how could you?, he says, 'Oh, come on, Teresa, you know I have to'."

In seven years, Mrs Gorman has developed a sceptical understanding of the House of Commons, where women get on by appearing to have accommodating personalities (Rumbold, Shephard). Mrs Gorman provided comic relief with what she calls the cockney sparrow nonsense: her mother worked in a Putney tearoom, and Mrs Gorman often said Mrs Thatcher would mistake her for the tea-lady. Her hormone replacement therapy (HRT) proselytising has provided an easy way of shrugging her off.

But she should not be lightly dismissed. Last weekend, I spent a day listening to academics at Girton College's forum on the Gender Deficit: women's woeful lack of firsts, and their under-achievement in science. Mrs Gorman is a double rarity, having a first in zoology and botany. "But Tories are still suspicious of clever women." She came late into politics, in her forties, exasperated by bureaucratic interference when running her company supplying teaching aids. Stupid paper work diverted creativity; VAT inspectors could storm in and jemmy open one's filing cabinets. When she achieved her Billericay constituency (after Harvey Proctor was shopped by a rent boy), she took ten years off her age to do so, and why not? She was 56, looked 36, and felt 20. At 63, she is a splendid advert for not fading greyly into invisibility.

At 63, she is a splendid advert for not fading greyly away

But that is not our concern this week. *Autres temps, autres moeurs.* While other potential rebels went up to the wire and ducked, Mrs Gorman stood her corner. The Chief Whip had followed her along the corridor in supplication. "I turned to him and used St Augustine's words, 'O Lord, make me good, but not yet'." (She will vote, whip or no whip, for VAT on fuel next week, because of the Chancellor's concessions.)

On Monday she launched a slender pamphlet, *Not A Penny More* (£2 from her at the House of Commons). Not to be confused with Lord Archer's first novel, it tells in plain defogging language how your money *subsidises the* fraudsters' paradise of the EC.

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and lines the pockets of the Mafia.

"If only," she says, "John Major had thumped the dispatch box on Monday and said, 'I'm not going to authorise more money, with all the fraud that's going on', he would have carried the House, and the country. He would have restored his fortunes and ours at a stroke.

"In 1996, we are supposed to rewrite the whole constitution of Europe and it will be bounced through. I can understand the desire of the rest of Europe for unity. If I was a Belgian or a Dutchman who'd been overrun by the Germans, I'd probably prefer to get into bed with them too. As Confucius said, when rape is inevitable, relax and enjoy it. But I still think the British are different. I'm not xenophobic. I take holidays in Portugal, I adore the French language, I find the Italians enchanting with their healthy attitude that if we don't make the laws, why should we keep them? But we are an offshore island people. We just are not part of Europe in the same way."

She reckons that only about 40 Tory MPs genuinely believe in Europe. "The rest range from being bored rigid by it, to outright hostility. Free trade has always been our salvation, and it's the only way. Getting out of Europe would have the same effect on people as the repeal of the Corn Laws. Cobden and Bright are my heroes. Our little gesture was an attempt to peel the rose-tinted spectacles from the Prime Minister's eyes."

Mrs Gorman would have made her gesture even if it had cost her her parliamentary seat. She has already tabled a motion for December 14, asking for a referendum. On Wednesday's *Midnight Hour, the panel were asked to name* their favourite rebel. Anne Campbell, Labour MP for Cambridge, chose Teresa Gorman.

When we met, Mrs Gorman sounded blithe. She said there was no chance of the rebels "crawling on our bellies back to the party". Nor would they form a separate party within the party. They would remain friendly and "work for a Conservative victory by converting the parliamentary party back to the Tory faith". She even hoped the Prime Minister might restore the whip by Christmas.

But by yesterday she was already feeling the chill wind of internecine machinations by those in the Tory hierarchy who would like her put against a wall and shot for disloyalty. "They see us as nuisances and trouble-makers, and will do all they can to get our local associations to kick us out." To which all one can say is, *courage, ma brave.*

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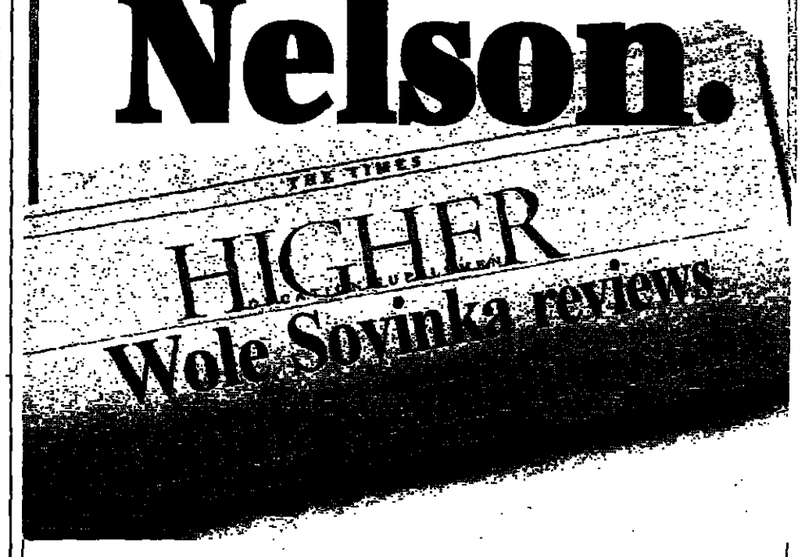
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Careering off the catwalk

Why would a girl with a first-class degree become a model? Because, says **Rachel Kelly**, it's a shrewd career move

A week ago we knew nothing of Laura Bailey. But since it was revealed that this blonde English rose had caught the eye of the American filmstar Richard Gere, the gossip columnists and the *paparazzi* have surpassed themselves.

We are now privy to Ms Bailey's vital statistics (34-24-35), and the knowledge that she is a model aged 22, five foot seven, and buys her underwear from Marks and Spencer, preferring the plain, wincyette prep-school variety. She was photographed climbing with splendid athleticism out of the window and over the wall of Mr Gere's flat in London. A rumpus ensued, and Mr Gere is reported to have flown back to America to patch up his marriage with another model, Cindy Crawford.

These are details we might have expected to glean about a girl who recently graced the teenage magazine *Mizz*, and who has modelled for next spring's Freemans catalogue. But another side of Ms Bailey has also emerged, more highbrow than low fashion.

She is clever. She got a first in English at Southampton University. Contemporaries remember her as highly focused and a voracious reader. Her father is an Oxford don who rates a 16-line entry in *Who's Who* and has been Professor of Civil Law at Edinburgh, Southampton and Oxford universities. She inclines to Buddhism and has met the Dalai Lama. Why, then, is a bright girl like Ms Bailey messing about with *Mizz* covers?

> "She could be a perfect academic, and now she is doing all this"

The question has preoccupied her father, Dr Peter Birks (his daughter changed her name). In the time-honoured tradition of parental disapproval, he has spoken of his disappointment that his daughter should choose to become a model.

"Laura has a first-class honours degree in English," he lamented. "She was a star in her studies at Southampton University. I have no idea what modelling has as an attraction for such an intelligent girl. She could be a perfect academic, and now she is doing all this in London. I don't understand it."

I do. To become a model is probably one of the smartest career moves a girl can now make. No longer is there a division between brains versus beauty. Models have it all. Clever models exploit their profession, and its ensuing wealth and fame, to hoist themselves to the top of whatever other career they so choose, in one easy movement. Not for them years of slogging on a trainee salary, touring the regions, or having their manuscripts rejected.

Want to be a novelist? Learn from the super-model. Naomi Campbell. Her ghost-written novel *Swan* is a bestseller.

A designer? Marie Helvin launched her own fashion label and exercise video on the back of her catwalk success. Jerry Hall has dabbled in the underwear and swimwear business. Ines de la Fressange has a shop selling her own designs in Paris.

Actress? The road from treading the catwalk to treading the boards has been clearly signposted ever since a young film director, Mauritz Stiller, cast one Greta Gustafsson to play the lead in *The Atonement of Gosta Berling* in 1924, changing her name to Greta Garbo en route.

Twiggy, Isabella Rossellini and Tatjana Patitz have all starred on celluloid. Andie MacDowell, star of *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, was a former Calvin Klein model and L'Oréal girl. Cindy Crawford is to play opposite Val Kilmer as a feisty lawyer in the new film thriller, *Fair Game*. Examples abound.

Gavin Boardman is a modelling agent who works for Two Management. His firm represents girls such as India Hicks and Jennifer Flavin. "Models get to learn a lot about the fashion industry, and so careers such as designers and photographers are open to them afterwards," he says.

For those models who lean towards nuclear science or areas unrelated to modelling, the oxygen of publicity and their financial freedom help to speed them on their way.

An averagely successful model, who is working four times a week, will earn up to £100,000 a year, Mr Boardman says. Secure a deal with a big cosmetics house and the numbers multiply.

Helen Christensen has sewn up a $6 million deal with Cover Girl cosmetics. Christy Turlington, Maybelline's muse, will earn £3.3 million for a mere 12 days' work over the next four years. Paulina Porizkova, the former face of Estée Lauder, had a contract reputedly worth £5 million.

In a world where contacts secure success, models have access to the famous. Thus Ms Bailey gets to hob-nob with Mr Gere at the Dalai Lama's party. "Public relations companies will invite them to the right parties," says Mr Boardman. "The top models of today are like the filmstars of yesterday." It is not as though they are brushing with the famous. They *are* the famous.

Laura Bailey has made the transition to household name. She may yet become an academic too. As Mr Boardman says, modelling is a short career usually over by 25, and you can always catch up afterwards. Ms Bailey is gathering rosebuds while she may. And her intellectual antennae will have been fine-tuned, thanks to meeting the Dalai Lama, travelling the world and philosophising with Mr Gere.

Professor Birks says he has a very clever daughter. She may be even cleverer than he imagined.

REX FEATURES



Richard Gere's latest model, Laura Bailey — now we all know her vital and academic statistics

A moral maze debated on the school run

Jacko and the space invaders

MICHAEL JACKSON really ought to get a grant from some educational foundation. Twice in a year he has turned the school-run into a rolling seminar in moral philosophy, legal procedure and personal relationships.

By the time we get to the main road it is like *The Moral Maze* back there: pick up another couple of children, and you have a car full of diminutive clones of David Starkey and Janet Daley, shrilly arguing about everything from the morality of compensation settlements to the meaning of marriage. Listen to the radio news and children of ten and 11, who have lolled in catatonic boredom through items about the Budget and the UN, come to life at the name of their fallen idol. I find myself unkindly hoping that Jacko will go bankrupt next, so that a few messages about the importance of maths get through.



LIBBY PURVES

The earlier Jackson curriculum, at the time of the abuse allegations, covered children's difficulties and duties when it comes to giving evidence and generally speaking out in embarrassing personal cases. It also touched on the question of whether charitable donations make you a Good Person "if you still have pots of money left for yourself"; and the relationship between the law and the media and the necessity of presuming innocence.

Then, six months ago, his marriage to Lisa-Marie Presley introduced the new subjects of fame, friendship, and step-parenting; now their rumoured divorce provides new fodder for the panellists.

We have, of course, already been over the ground with the case of Phil Collins, but it wasn't the same. Phil Collins is a solid old baldy who looks like a grown-up, and whose behaviour therefore is irrelevant. Michael Jackson, willowy and weird, is an honorary teenager forever. So the topic is pretty hot: Lisa-Marie Presley and Michael Jackson, married for 26 weeks, reportedly on the rocks.

The initial news drew a David Starkey snort from one child, amplified a moment later by his sister's loud contempt at the report that Mr Jackson doesn't like marriage because his wife keeps "invading his space". They seem to have noticed that married people are forever having their space invaded, protesting feebly about it and having to lump it. But things have come to a pretty pass when you are only ten years old and find that you know more about adult life than your superstar idol does.

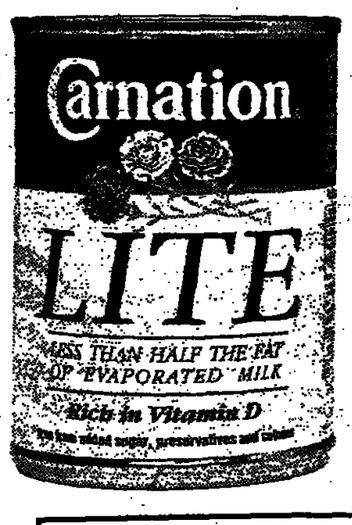
Unfortunately, in this case there is no handy pocket moral to be drawn by the conscientious parent in the front of the car. The Jacksons are too unlike any ordinary pair who meet, court, marry, and invade one another's space. The whole effect of their marriage was curiously outdated: it seemed like a formal, dynastic union of four centuries ago, the daughter of the old king expediently united with the slightly shopsoiled prince of the moment. Lawyers were courtiers and ambassadors, settling the property; showbiz reporters were the operatic chorus, alternately presaging happiness and doom.

In the absence of an explanatory Dimbleby, not one of us has the slightest idea why these two fruitcakes tied the knot, let alone untied it. Some say they married for image's sake after the child abuse allegations; others that Lisa-Marie was sweetly kind during Jackson's ordeal by bad publicity, so he proposed out of gratitude. Some say they were in love, some that they were cynical, some that they got caught up in their own soap opera.

AS E.M. Forster says, an "astonishing glass shade falls between married couples and the rest of the world": this was a smoked-glass, bulletproof shade etched with all the wild fantasies that he inhabits and she inherits.

Press your nose to it all you like, you will never get the truth. Even when they "tell all" to some magazine it will be rash to believe them. Perhaps the moral to offer the children is that if you make enough money, you can, indeed, live in a fairyland of your own devising. Only you might find it more congenial to stay out here and learn to share your space with an invader: your chosen lump of awkward, warm, unromantic human reality.

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Philip Howard



■ The Chancellor's words are carefully monitored by the language community

Let us have Budgets that are boring. In either the short or long term, these are usually more comfortable than the exciting kind. Yesterday's Budget debate continued to spout its annual Vesuvius of hot air and party pettifoggery, with Michael Portillo and Harriet Harman boring bravely for employment. Because these are national debates, heard with more attention and at greater length than other public soundbites. Budgets change more than those dense tables of take-home earnings. And they change the slippery words of persuasion more than the dry words of numbers such as VAT and tax.

The rhetorical buzzwords are the ones that come into fashion, are picked up and over-exploited by such scavengers of language as politicians and journalists, and then become laughing-stocks that are used after a while only by Glenda and Graham Stats of the blats and the dimmer backbenchers. To judge from this year's debates, the language of political economy is being heavily influenced by the latest pseudo-science of American management studies. For example, "people" is the new euphemism for workers, a job description that is somehow felt to be patronising. Some plants even have "peoples [sic] committees" which are a (marginal) improvement on the former "human resources committees". At least you knew where you were with workers and personnel.

And what is the fashionable thing to do with your people(s)? Empower them, of course. The power may not be as imperial in the enterprise environment as it sounds (consulting them about the canteen and no-smoking areas?), and power traditionally does not come without responsibility. Your average human resource may be in favour of the former in a woolly way, but s/he is outraged at being saddled with any of the latter in a practical way. The marketplace has become the fashionable longer word replacing the plain market. And "global" sounds more impressive than old-fashioned "international".

But the word that has gone downhill fastest since last year's Budget is "community". Only a year ago, community had neighbourly connotations, built over the centuries by such communities as jolly monks and careful scholars at their books (the latter's communal image has not been warmed by Kenneth Dover's cold memoirs), community singing and community centres, and perhaps even community politics, though the last had acquired shrill overtones of local Liberals ranting about street lighting.

As usual, too many persuaders jumped on the bandwagon word and have tipped it up. When everybody belongs to some community or other — the black community, the gay community, the business community, even the caring community — the word loses its "caring" connotations. The intelligence community is a polite way to describe spies of all sides, as well as the freelances. The word was not improved by its cognate similarity to the oxymoronic anti-community of communism and to the uncaring Eurocracy of Brussels before the European Community became a Union. What does the international community signify more than the world at large?

So community has worn out the formerly warm sound of community action, community health, community relations, which made people feel good in a vaguely sociable (or socialist) way. The attempt to make the local tax to replace the rates sound cuddly by labelling it with the euphemism "community charge" was a chilly failure. Everybody crisply called it the poll tax.

As Bill Cash, the Eurosceptic MP, said on *Question Time* in a double-barrelled Scriptural citation, "the prodigal son on the Road to Damascus" has seen the light and been converted. Community has lost most of its old neighbourly connotations. Of course there is still a need for neighbourliness and caring in the employment marketplace. Human resources of the world unite, you have nothing to lose but your peoples committee. But the Budget debate has confirmed the linguistic shift of "community" to become a cliché and even a sneer. We are going to need a new word for the positive job that community used to do. Watch out for "civic", coming up fast on the inside track.



A sneaking respect

Bernard Levin

Even those of us who could never stoop so low may occasionally cheer the exploits of the gutter-perchers

When I was young — still young enough to be wondering what I might do for a living, and not a guess in my head — I toyed with a variety of improbable jobs. I used to chant the "Tinker, Tailor . . ." jingle, possibly because it might give me the answer, but the only answer that I remember. I remember with horror to this day. I have written elsewhere and at length of that first career genuinely looming before me — and loom was the right word. For I was to be, at the age of five, a world-renowned violin soloist, this being my mother's choice and longing, despite the fact that after only a few dozen lessons it was all too obvious, not least to the neighbours, that I had no aptitude whatever for the fiddle.

Tinker (I never discovered what that was, and I am by no means entirely clear what it is even now), tailor (well, my forebears were tailors, so it wasn't all that unlikely), soldier (only on the backs of cigarettes-cards), sailor (somehow, the Regent's Park child's pool did not stir any latent nautical ideas), beggarman, thief.

Allow me a diversion; it was the word "beggarman" that stirred me to think aloud now. When did begging for a living begin in earnest in this country? I stretch my childhood eyes, but stretch them as far as they go I cannot summon up such a figure. With one exception, which actually strengthens my belief: it was the blind man, who stood on the pavement rattling his tin cup, but he *wasn't* begging, because he always had a tray of matchboxes for sale — the fact that only a few took a box when dropping coins in his cup was nothing to do with begging. Come to think of it, there is a black blind man in New York who takes up his stand on the busiest stretch of Fifth Avenue; he exactly mirrors my childhood memory: metal cup, tray, matchboxes, dog and all. (Did my blind man have a dog? That I can't remember, but presumably he would have needed one.)

Now then; I am speaking only of Britain, and I say that in my childhood there was poverty far more profound than anything — even the worst — that we see now. Homelessness there must have been, though as a young child I wouldn't have understood it, but in the place of today's "benefits" (I swear that if I discover who it was who began that use of the word I shall pour porridge all over him) there was almost literally nothing.

"It's the poor who help the poor," went the song, and by Heaven it was true; I can never recite without tears coming to my eyes that terrible notice — we saw it in shops, particularly food shops — "Please do not ask for credit, because a refusal can often offend".

But we didn't beg, and now we do — everywhere, and without shame, and in many cases as a straightforward lucrative business.

End of diversion. But I was diverted only because I was going through the tinker, tailor routine and I had got to "beggarman". What I was actually looking for was the last profession in the jingle. Tinker, tailor, soldier, sailor, rich man, poor man, beggarman — ahem — *thief*.

I was at breakfast with the newspapers, and one item was sufficiently startling to stop my second cup of coffee halfway towards my mouth. I put down the coffee-cup and began to savour the story of Mr and Mrs Guba-Pecher and what they did for a living. And *what* they did for a living!

Usually, I eschew making fun with stories that involve crime; obviously, when the crime is of violence, but also when somebody who cannot easily afford being robbed has been the sufferer. But in this case, I was happy to learn that the only people who were or might have been stripped of their assets (the better to sit on them, I imagine) only momentarily went pale beneath their tans and shrugged when they learnt that only three million pounds was involved, particularly as they got the three million back when the case had finished.

But now for the story. And I might as well start somewhere in the middle, because the story of Mr and Mrs Guba-Pecher is so improbable that you might as well call me a liar right now instead of trying to break it to me slowly.

Very well; the Guba-Pechers, in furtherance of their scam, bribed the then Panamanian Ambassador to Egypt to the tune of £64,000, for a fraudulent death certificate which would assert that Mr Guber-Pecher (I keep trying not to call him Gutta-Percha) died by a heart-attack when on a cruise, and was buried at sea; his grieving widow donned black throughout the rest of the voyage, and when she returned to Britain, she did not fail to organise a requiem Mass for the peace of his soul.

Very well, I'm a liar. But if I'm a liar, I might as well go on being one. Here goes.

The Gutta-Perchas (I've given in) were German, but they had got wind of good British pickings, so they came here to pick. And they picked thoroughly, their particular practice being to buy gigantic mortgages with no less gigantic life-insurance policies. These (they must have had a substantial briefcase to hold them) were then realised, because Mr Gutta-Percha, you recall, had died at sea, requiem Mass and all. History does not reveal whether, when she was trotting about claiming the policies, Mrs G-P was still in her widow's weeds.

Unfortunately, even Lloyd's were not sufficiently stupid to pay out on policies that were manifestly crooked, so Madame Gutta-Percha started to sue the insurance companies. Meanwhile, the dead Mr Gutta-Purcha was living in Portugal, awaiting, if not the Resurrection, at least a word from Mrs G-P to say that the coast was clear. It never came; some spoilsport got wind of the scam, and both the Gutta-Perchas were fingered at last.

And that is where my discussion of my infant future came in. Because when I read about the Gutta-Perchas and their depredations (I forgot to say that the frightfully clever people who run the life-policy business forked out £150,000 to Mrs G-P when she had already been tagged as an obvious crook), a great sadness enveloped me as soon as I had stopped laughing. For, however shocking you may think it, there was something in me that wanted those two crooks to win, to go away together to some sunny strand and there live out their comfortable lives. (Comfortable, because lined with other people's money.)

And — now I make it worse — every time such a tremendous theft hits the news pages, I am secretly cheering on the crooks. Of course, and I repeat my mantra — no violence, no taking the money of those who cannot replenish their coffers immediately — it is only the immensely well-heeled whom I want to see done up proper. I would put the high street banks foremost in the list of those who ought to be robbed, were it not for the fact that the high street banks are run by people so hopeless that they lose hundreds of millions of pounds without a criminal in sight. But give me British Airways, or best of all the Body Shop, and I shall be rolling on the carpet with a handkerchief stuffed in my mouth.

I do not admire this feeling, but I cannot shake it off. And then — going back to where this started — another question is asked. Would I, could I, in the appropriate circumstances, be a crook myself? Well, that one I can answer with absolute certainty; those of you who have read the saga of my mother, her right hand, Woolworths and the sugary sweet will be able to answer for me: no, in no circumstances could I have turned to crime, not even the crime that makes me laugh, like the Gutta-Perchas.

I suppose that my admiration for a certain kind of villain is akin to my admiration for anything else that someone can do with ease but that I cannot do at all. If so, it is then only a step, surely, to admiring a cat-burglar as he swings from a frail window-sill, knowing all the time that not only is he in danger of being put in prison, but also that one careless step could break his neck.

The Gutta-Perchas have given me a good deal of mirth. I had no idea that they would also give me a great deal of serious thought. The least I can do in return is to reveal that they are now out of prison. I hope they stay out; but if they don't, I want a seat in the front stalls.

Better education starts here

Margot Norman

welcomes the Blairs' free choice

Gillian Shephard should be circumspect about crowing over Labour's apparent U-turn on grant-maintained schools, hot on the heels of its conversion to the merits of league tables. If party policy does indeed evolve to accommodate its leader's decision to send his son eight miles across London to the grant-maintained Oratory School in Fulham — which is a long way from his Islington home, though quite handy for Downing Street — it will be quite a vote-winner.

Public reaction was instructive. Radio interviewers sent on to the streets to gather cries of "Shame!" and "Hypocrisy!" from Labour voters have instead returned, more often than not, with soundbites echoing Mr Blair's own words about how every parent wants the best for his children, so why shouldn't he? How many voters are there like the London mother, a disgruntled Tory, whose response to the story was: "Oh, thank goodness, now I can safely vote Labour; the only thing stopping me was their education policy"?

These responses indicate not only the popularity of grant-maintained schools, and public commitment to the idea of parental choice, but also an assumption across party lines that Labour's Christian Socialist leader will not be hypocritical in this matter. People assume that if Tony Blair is in favour of opt-out schools, then party policy will back them too. (Not for the first time, senior Conservatives may envy him that public presumption of sincerity.)

The only voice to be heard fervently urging Blair to be hypocritical yesterday was that of Doug McAvoy, the NUT leader. Mr McAvoy, a quaintly old-fashioned figure who perfectly embodies discredited educational thinking, unreconstructed socialism and an obsolete style of trade unionism, wants Labour to continue in its cynical old ways. What does he care that for the last 20 years children in Islington (and dozens of other Labour-controlled inner-city boroughs) have been condemned to the sort of schooling that leads only to the dole queue if their parents lack the resources to take them elsewhere?

Remember Frances Morrell, the bullying Labour leader of the Inner London Education Authority, who lived in Islington and directed her doctrinaire colleagues to hound traditionally-inclined local headmasters like Laurie Norcross at Highbury Grove, while a chauffeur-driven car funded by the taxpayer helped her daughter to escape to school in Camden? What could be more cynical than the Morrell solution — one rule for Labour bigwigs, another for the poor bloody voters — advocated by Mr McAvoy and those who still think like him?

It continues, that daily school-run out of Islington by droves of ambitious, middle-class, Labour-voting parents. Highbury Grove has declined so far that a mere 11 per cent of its pupils manage 5 decent GCSEs. St Aloysius, the local Catholic boys' school that Tony Blair might have been expected to choose, may get the best results in the borough, but for Mr and Mrs Blair they are just not good enough.

They have not chosen just any old grant-maintained school. Not only is the Oratory the other side of London, it was also the first London school to opt out, and its headmaster, John McIntosh, is the very godfather of the concept. It was he who persuaded Kenneth Baker, then Education Secretary, to legislate to enable schools to opt out. He then went on to become the first state school head to earn more than £50,000, and his is the only school in the country to have opted out of the national teachers' pay arrangements. The Oratory looks and feels not unlike a Roman Catholic version of the traditional independent school of the sort that Tony Blair himself attended in Scotland. The Blairs have, in short, exercised the parental choice conferred on them by a Tory Government in favour of a school as unlike their neighbourhood comprehensive as it is possible to find within the state system.

So, is Labour at long last preparing to ditch altogether an education policy that might have been expressly designed to breed a resentful, unemployable urban underclass? Mention the name Ann Taylor, David Blunkett's predecessor as Labour education spokesman, to those close to the Labour leadership and they shudder and breathe the word "aberration". Her views were at one with the NUT's. Mr Blunkett has come round to league tables, and though he doesn't actually like opted-out schools, he's coming round to them too. His office was keen to stress yesterday that there is no question of Labour returning them to the tender mercies of local education authorities such as Islington. The plan to bring them into some vague "democratic local framework" is nothing to do with taking away the freedom that they all prize: it's merely a device to spread good practice round all the other schools.

As for Labour's commitment to abolishing the agency that funds grant-maintained schools, well, Mrs Shephard herself is beavering away to work out some common funding formula that could make it redundant.

The average parent will be heartily relieved if Labour and Tory education policies finally converge upon stability, choice and higher standards. And if John Patten, a Catholic, still feels bound by the promise he made as Education Secretary to educate his daughter in the state sector, she and Tony Blair's son may find themselves taking A levels in the same sixth form. A generation of educational madness will be over.

The name's Bond

BRITAIN'S best-known secret agent has a new lady in his life. Samantha Bond, the acclaimed Shakespearean actress, has been given the part of Miss Moneypenny in *Goldeneye*, the new James Bond film starring Pierce Brosnan as 007.

Her appointment as secretary to "M", James Bond's boss as head of the Secret Service, is something of a departure. Lately, Samantha Bond's roles have been on the stage, notably as Hermione in the RSC's production of *The Winter's Tale* and then in *Le Cid* at the National Theatre. She replaces Caroline Bliss, who has acted the bespectacled but long-suffering Whitehall secretary in the last two Bond films.


Samantha: acting prim

Eon Productions, the company making *Goldeneye*, refused yesterday to confirm the appointment. "There has been too much speculation," said marketing director Gordon Arnell. Samantha Bond was unavailable for comment, and her agency was diffident. "I'm not sure if we're allowed to confirm that," said an employee.

But film sources insist that the decision has been made and point out that the Titian-haired actress would lend the kind of authority which came easily to Lois Maxwell, the Canadian actress who flirted at the hat stand for 14 films. "Samantha would have to act hard because she's not nearly as prim as Miss Moneypenny," says a close friend. "But then she's an extremely accomplished actress."

● *Not wishing to demand too much of their American audiences, Miramax films has retitled Prêt-à-Porter, Robert Altman's new comedy about the fashion industry,* Ready to Wear. *"We didn't think our cinema-goers would understand the French," explains a spokesman.*

Tanked?

DAMON HILL was not exactly firing on all cylinders at the launch of his book *Damon Hill's Grand Prix Year* on Wednesday night. He stuck miserably to mineral water as guests guzzled champagne.

"It's not that I'm driving tonight, just that last night was a bit of a heavy one with the boys," he confessed, gingerly steering a path through the heavy throng. "I'm not sure where we went — just a couple of bars." Jon Nicholson, his photographer friend who took pictures for the coffee-table glossy, said they had been partying on the previous Saturday too. "Damon doesn't often get the chance to relax because of all the pressure. When he does relax, though, we all have a good time."

Jess the place

IT MAY be less controversial than Tony Blair's decision to send his son Euan to the London Oratory School in Fulham, but Douglas Hurd has also been sounding out educational establishments — for his ten-year-old daughter Jessica.

The Foreign Secretary was spotted only the other day, with Jessica obediently in tow, inspecting the polished corridors of Sherborne girls' school in Dorset. It's a fitting establishment for the daughter of an Old Etonian, being still redolent of the smell of boiled cabbage. "They did come down to have a look, but I am not sure if they have filled in the application forms yet," says a cautious secretary at the school.

Career move

WADHAM COLLEGE in Oxford has banned the university's student union newspaper because of its front page picture of a naked model. The censorious decision over *The Oxford Student*, which illustrates a survey of sexual behaviour with a front-page colour photograph of Claudia Schiffer unclothed, was taken by Wadham's union president, Alan Hamilton.

"Living in a community where women are dismissed and where repeated instances of harassment and rape are tolerated and mocked, to have the student union express itself with an image created specifically to cheapen women is to be betrayed," he thunders.

Hamilton, who is studying for a D Phil in concepts and models of rationality, makes his debut tonight as a presenter on *The Word*, the post-pub youth programme. Last week's show featured John Wayne Bobbitt cavorting with naked women in a pornographic movie. And on tonight's show, Hamilton will be presenting when ice-skating's horror, Tonya Harding, takes *her* clothes off.

Eating House

RESTAURATEUR Antony Worrall Thompson has an eye on Westminster midriffs. The bearded and portly chef has taken on a restaurant within spud-throwing distance of the House of Commons.

Rodin's restaurant is fondly regarded by claret-inspired political lunchers, and has been bought by Simpsons of Cornhill, the restaurant chain of which Worrall Thompson is "creative director". There are plans to rename it the Atrium, and to bring a village-like atmosphere to the place, to lure Conservative members from Richard Shepherd and Michael Caine's nearby rival, Shepherd's.



Worrall Thompson, however, reports an early hiccup: "Someone's stolen all our December booking sheets, so we don't know who to expect this month. We've only just found out that 300 Labour Party people are descending on us next Wednesday."

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A PERILOUS HANDSHAKE

Major takes the next part of the peace road

Whatever its outcome, next Wednesday's meeting between Sinn Fein and British officials is a significant moment in Anglo-Irish history. A year ago, the Government faced a barrage of criticism over its secret contacts with the republican movement. Now, negotiations will be held without subterfuge against the background of the three-month-old IRA ceasefire. Sinn Fein will have no better opportunity to enter the formal peace process.

To bring the political wing of the IRA to the table this quickly, the Prime Minister has had to bend his own rules. When the Downing Street declaration was signed last December, the Government made clear that a permanent renunciation of violence was required before talks. John Major has chosen to ignore this condition, claiming instead a "working assumption" that the IRA ceasefire is permanent. Evidently, he has also backdated that assumption to the night on which the ceasefire was declared. Easy as it is to criticise this compromise, Mr Major was probably right to avoid semantic arguments over permanence now. The first round of talks will be a much better test of the IRA's commitment to peace than the precise language it uses in public statements.

The first discussions between Sinn Fein representatives led by Martin McGuinness and a team of officials headed by Quentin Thomas, deputy secretary at the Northern Ireland Office, were not expected to be held before the middle of December. The fact that the meeting has been brought forward may reflect Sinn Fein's wish to attend an international investment conference in Belfast on December 13 and 14.

On Wednesday, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, argued that the party's attendance at this conference would be "premature", on the ground that Sinn Fein had long given its support to "those who have been knocking down Belfast and destroying it". Yesterday, however, it emerged that some Sinn Fein councillors may indeed be welcome at the investment meeting — on the grounds, presumably, that next week's exploratory talks will make their presence less objectionable. The precise reasoning behind these changes of plan is unclear. But it is obvious that a new sense of urgency surrounds the peace process and that the Government is eager to accelerate its negotiations with the republican movement.

Three months ago, Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, could claim to be the radical spokesman of a pan-nationalist pact that stretched from Washington to Dublin. That claim seems weaker today. It cannot be assumed that the successor to Albert Reynolds will be as tireless a supporter of the peace process. On Capitol Hill, the Irish-American congressional lobby is not as strong as it was before the mid-term elections. Above all, there are growing fears that the divisions within the IRA are growing worse and that the more hawkish faction is ready to break the ceasefire if concessions are not forthcoming. The murder of the postal worker Frank Kerr in Newry last month was a frightening reminder that the men of violence are still armed and at large. In private, ministers say that the behaviour of the South Armagh brigade in the next three months will be an important guide to the prospects of the ceasefire.

On balance, Mr Major is right to seek an early meeting with Sinn Fein so that these matters may be resolved. The principal purpose of the exploratory talks is to discuss the "practical consequences" of the new circumstances: in effect, the surrender of IRA weapons. To reduce the terms of peace to their crudest level, Sinn Fein must never be admitted to the constitutional fold until the IRA has surrendered its Semtex explosive. Mr Major now enters the most difficult stage of the peace talks.

RARE BIRDS

The threat is to the art of seeing as well as flying

The Scottish crossbills, numbering no more than about 1,500, inhabit the remnants of ancient Caledonian pine woods and are found nowhere else on earth. They are not yet in decline: but any sudden disease or unexpected disaster could lead to their global extinction. The crossbills are not the only birds dependent on Britain for survival: according to a comprehensive new survey compiled by BirdLife International, some 54 British birds are now of "conservation concern", either because of a declining population or because they are highly localised. The threat to European breeding birds in general is even greater: of the 514 species, up to a third are endangered.

The reasons are familiar: the increasing use of pesticides, the uprooting of hedgerows, the intensification of agriculture and the loss of grasslands and wetlands threaten the breeding and feeding habits of birds that for hundreds of years have lived in harmony with the landscape of Europe. Some of the most beautiful and evocative songbirds, long an ornament of the countryside and an inspiration to artists and lovers, are disappearing fast. The only consolation is that one of the most deadly enemies, the shotguns of southern Europe that every spring and autumn murdered migrating birds in their millions, may now be silenced if tighter laws can be enforced in Italy, France and Spain.

Not all evidence for their disappearance is equally good, however. The 400 ornithologists who drew up the report spent four years collating data, and their exhaustive investigations in the rocky outcrops of the Hebrides or the remote peaks of the Caucasus carry weight. Less convincing are the complaints of suburban gardeners that all the feathered glory of yesteryear has flown away. Often what has been lost is not the species but the ability to recognise and identify the birds themselves.

In past centuries birdsong was the music of the countryside, recognised by every villager and farmer. Country people saw and heard the birds around them, understood their habits and even based their meteorology on bird behaviour. Small boys collected birds eggs, the Victorians stuffed and mounted birds for decoration. Nowadays people are both more expert and more ignorant. Ornithology employs all the skills of science, photography and conservation to classify, study and publish expert surveys. But the lay public has lost the skills of its country forebears.

Europeans now mostly live in towns. For too many, a "rare bird" has become one that cannot be seen from a motorway. So noisy is modern life that even birds are being deafened: male willow warblers sing to find a mate and mark their territory, but those now setting up beside busy roads are failing to breed because their calls can no longer be heard above the din.

Birdwatchers flock in their thousands to sanctuaries. But we should be sceptical of reports that rare birds no longer touch down anywhere else. Some probably do; if only our ears and eyes had not lost the skills to recognise them.

QUARRELSOME CHECHENS

Yeltsin ponders conflicts that Tolstoy chronicled

The Russians under the tsars used to know how to deal with the brave but recalcitrant Muslim tribes of the Caucasus. General Yermolov, the 19th-century Russian imperial strategist, laid down a policy familiar to the British in India: "If you want to beat the Chechens, set them at each other's throats." The new Tsar in Moscow, Boris Yeltsin, has tried the same methods and found them wanting. The Russian army in the Caucasus has for several years backed forces opposed to the regime of Dzhokhar Dudayev in Chechenia's civil war, but the former Soviet air force general has prevailed despite the unofficial presence of Russian officers in the ranks of his enemies. Moscow now seems to be dithering over full-scale invasion.

Three years ago, when the Chechen republic became the first of several Muslim or non-Russian enclaves to secede from the new Russian Federation, Russian paratroopers were sent in to crush its independence. Moscow decided that the collapse of communism and break-up of the Soviet Union should not be followed in quick time by the dismemberment of Mother Russia. But this small-scale intervention failed and even served to unite temporarily the quarrelsome Chechens around a leader whose election Moscow considered illegal.

The Russian army then decided to back Mr Dudayev's enemies who, by a curious twist of politics, were now led by Ruslan Khasbulatov, the Chechen former Speaker of the Russian Parliament who had partly engineered the coup against President Yeltsin. Although Mr Khasbulatov's parliament in Moscow had been strafed into surrender by Russian army tanks, business, it was decided, was business. But backing Mr Khasbulatov did not work out either. Mr Yeltsin has in recent days seemed to consider Chechenia as a menace to his own authority as well as to the integrity of Russia.

The oil-rich territory has gained a reputation for lawlessness and for providing a safe haven for Chechen gangsters who could terrorise Moscow, other big Russian cities and even cities abroad. President Yeltsin could probably anticipate the acquiescence of the West after encounters by British, French and Germans with the operations of the Chechen mafia. Dead bodies found in Mayfair laundry baskets and a daylight assassination led to much talk about the "Russian" mafia teaming up with their Sicilian and Colombian equivalents.

So what is staying Mr Yeltsin's hand? Perhaps he is hesitating for fear of giving too much power to hotheads in the Russian army. Perhaps he reckons that psychological pressure will suffice. After Moscow's long, bloody encounter with lightly armed Muslim guerrillas fighting from mountain strongholds in Afghanistan, the prospect of fighting a similar set of mountain peoples — and ensuring political stability thereafter — may not be particularly inviting.

The Chechens are estimated to have a gun for every third male. They consider the Orthodox Russians their religious foes, and although memories of encounters with the tsars' armies may have dimmed, they have not forgotten their treatment at the hands of Stalin who deported them en masse to Asia during the Second World War. The Chechens may, like the Afghans, hate one other, but they hate the Russians more.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Limits on powers of UN and its officials in Bosnia

From Sir Peter Smithers

Sir, The humiliating snub administered to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the Bosnian Serbs (report, December 1) is damaging to the UN. It could not have occurred if the proper functions of a secretary general were understood either by the incumbent of that office or by governments. In his own person the secretary general of any intergovernmental organisation has no powers other than those conferred by the statute of his organisation and by his own personal abilities. He is the servant of his governments.

Unfortunately almost all secretaries-general are tempted by the role of film star, and project themselves into spectacular situations where their diplomatic skills are no greater than those of other experienced diplomats. When it is necessary to send a representative of the organisation to conduct negotiations on the spot a qualified representative should be selected to perform that task. If he succeeds all will be well and, if he fails, the damage will be lessened.

The Secretary-General should stay home and mind the shop. His main preoccupation should be the efficient operation of his secretariat and its interaction with member governments. This is a massive task, but only in this way can he have a powerful influence on events. It took me a couple of years and a mistake or two to learn this hard lesson in Strasbourg. It is high time that it was learnt in New York.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
PETER SMITHERS
(Secretary General, Council of Europe, 1964-69),
6921-Vico, Morcote, Switzerland.

From the Executive Director of Feed the Children (Europe)

Sir, Bihac is a UN "safe area", yet 200,000 lives are now at risk there. 50,000 people have already been driven from their homes, humanitarian relief convoys cannot get in, food and medical supplies have run right down, the UN and Nato cannot agree on what is to be done. What, one might ask, is an "unsafe" area?

Britain and France are not prepared to risk protecting Bihac in case it leads to full-scale involvement. This is of course supposition: because we have never really been prepared to make safe the so-called "havens". We have established a record of threat without force and places like Gorazde and Srebrenica have been left to sink in the mire.

There are now 38,700 UN troops from 28 nations active in this conflict zone and they alone make it possible for aid to continue in many parts of Bosnia. If Bihac falls it will surely be followed by another onslaught on totally debilitated civilians, for all the military participants are apparently re-energised by recent actions. There is absolutely no way that this war will go away unless somebody acts as a major agent for change.

There has been little attempt to forcibly protect a single so called "safe haven". We do not know what will happen if we act now but we certainly know what will continue to happen if we don't.

The Serbian leaders have every reason to believe in UN impotence. They have good reason to believe they are winning the war. They are unlikely now to settle for 70 per cent of the country

If we believe in Bosnia, then Bihac or some other location like it must be used to prove that we are prepared to act and have the capability. If we don't, history may prove us guilty of not merely incompetence but moral dereliction.

Yours faithfully,
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December 1.

From Mr Martin Cohen

Sir, As I write, members of the United Nations peace-keeping force are being held hostage by Serbian militias, to deter air strikes, and thousands more UN troops are patrolling battle lines at considerable expense, enabling the limited manpower of the Serbs to be used elsewhere to maximum effect. (And, of course, the UN continues to prevent the Bosnians from acquiring arms to defend themselves, or Nato from enforcing the "safe areas" policy.)

Meanwhile, UN and European Union diplomats tirelessly search at the negotiating table for a solution that enables them to aid and abet genocide without needing to admit it.

The Bosnian government should recognise that the UN has carried out its policy to the best of its ability. If Bosnians now wish to preserve their country and save its people, they should consider asking the UN to leave.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN COHEN,
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Ilkley, West Yorkshire.
December 1.

Airports in SE under pressure

From the Chairman of the British Air Transport Association and others

Sir, We are writing today to the Secretary of State for Transport to remind him of the fact that demand at airports in the South East of England will exceed the capacity of existing and proposed airport development early in the next century. All traffic projections indicate this: the current debate is about when, not if, that overall shortfall will occur.

One thing is certain — traffic lost to the UK will be to the gain of our near European neighbours and airports in Paris, Amsterdam or Frankfurt could become Europe's major gateway. If a squeeze on capacity leads to reduced feeder connections from London and the South East then our regions will also suffer.

The crucial issue is runway capacity in the South East. In our view new capacity must be provided in this region and where the market needs it. It must also be provided in the interests of supporting local economies, and where it will complement the continuing growth of the UK's regional airports.

If we are to maintain our success in attracting inward investment and inbound tourism — both major contributors to the UK economy — then new capacity is essential. We therefore urge the Government to assess the economic consequences if demand is not met where it arises and to evaluate alternative options, including complementary facilities and close parallel runways. Technological advances in reducing aircraft noise and in traffic control management, together with improvements in public transport services, have made these options more feasible and more environmentally attractive.

In view of all these factors, the Secretary of State should address this issue with the utmost urgency.

Yours faithfully,
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Chartered Institute of Transport,
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Oxford traffic

From Mr Chris Dale

Sir, I have filed the letter from Mr Roger Williams, Oxford's chief transport planner (letter, November 22), between "How I saved the NHS", by Virginia Bottomley, and "My victory over crime", by Michael Howard.

What is common between them is that their claims and statistics do not match the empirical observations of the public. Mrs Bottomley and Mr Williams may well be accurate in their recital of facts (I am less sure about Mr Howard) but these do not translate into obvious improvement.

There are indeed many car parks outside Oxford — my car was stolen from one only last year. It is true that many buses come into the city — it is getting out again that they find difficult. Some of them venture out after dark — with patience and luck I can cover the three miles from railway station to home in an hour or so at night.

Real improvements get lost in the box-ticking approach beloved of bureaucrats. The NHS official takes pride in his area's low death rate whilst closing wards — there is no box to tick for that. Traffic planners boast of their out-of-town car parks; meanwhile thieves use them as a kind of car pool. They brag of their buses which sit nose to tail in the shopping streets; and they wonder why I would rather sit in my car and wait for a parking space.

Mr Williams, referring to my own letter of November 16, asks what it would take to persuade me to abandon my car. The answer, as Mr David MacKenzie said in his letter of November 8, is the development of "extensive, high-quality, affordable, integrated public transport". That involves rather more than pricing motorists out of the central car parks and banning on-street parking, which is what passes for policy in Oxford.

Yours faithfully,
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Wolvercote, Oxford.

From Mr Craig Simmons

Sir, The provision of "park and ride" and the frequent bus services referred to by Roger Williams have not reduced the amount of traffic in Oxford, but merely soaked up some of the increase.

Oxford City Council's own traffic figures show that 52,000 vehicles entered the city per day in 1979 and 59,000 in 1993. The number of cars using "park and ride" has increased but is still relatively small (4,500 per day in 1993), and the scheme extremely costly.

Much of the congestion and pollution in the city centre is due to the buses. Whilst de-regulation has maintained service levels, it has also meant duplication of routes and cross-ticketing problems resulting in many empty seats.

Only the complete closure of the city centre to through traffic and the introduction of a tram or trolleybus public transport system will reduce traffic.

Meanwhile, for one hour in ten the air quality in Oxford falls below government guidelines. Public health is being affected. Historic buildings are deteriorating, visitors are being deterred and local businesses are suffering.

Yours etc,
CRAIG SIMMONS,
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50 Aston Street, Oxford.
November 24.

From Mr Raymond Durrant

Sir, One must have sympathy with Mrs Crossley Cooke (letter, November 24) who had her car stolen from a "park and ride" car park in Oxford, but she is one of many thousands of motorists around the country who suffer a similar fate each year.

The problem is being compounded by local authority car park operators who, in the interests of financial economy, have removed attendants from car parks and introducted a system of "pay and display", where motorists pay into a machine for the number of hours' parking required, and then have to display tickets telling the public in general, and the car thief in particular, just how long they are likely to be gone.

Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND DURRANT,
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St Albans, Hertfordshire.
November 24.

World of PR

From the President of the Institute of Public Relations

Sir, Matthew Parris sold his "warts-and-all story of the world of PR" (Magazine, November 26) to publicise his equally distorted Channel 4 programme.

Public relations is not an add-on to the running of a company, it is an integral part alongside finance and production. It is instigated and managed at senior level, often with the direct involvement of the chairman and chief executive, advised by experienced, disciplined and dedicated practitioners.

And as for PR "makes nothing ... understands nothing", what company or organisation succeeds which ignores its reputation?

The IPR has done much to enhance standards within the industry. Its education programme includes the endorsement of nine degree and postgraduate courses. Its code of professional conduct is strict and includes interpretations related to parliamentary lobbying to protect the public interest. Its stringent membership criteria ensure that employers can rely upon the integrity of IPR members to have wide experience and capabilities.

Mr Parris did not describe the public relations industry in which I work. Despite the provision of information for his programme by the IPR, he has totally failed to grasp the role of this core management discipline.

Yours faithfully,
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December 1.

FCO and Soviet Union

From Sir Kenneth Warren

Sir, Before the thunder of the ancient artillery of the Foreign Office firing on Lord Bethell dies away (letters, November 24), may I draw attention, from experience, to occasions when they were strangely silent in the Soviet Union.

During a visit to the Soviet nuclear research centre at Serpukhov in the 1970s I was astounded to discover, behind the barbed wire, a colony of British computer engineers and their families. Their task was to maintain and operate two large British computers, a surprise in itself, but they were only allowed out to go to the local village once a week.

Despite repeated requests to the embassy in Moscow no visits to the city had been allowed. Vigorous action by our parliamentary group whipped the Foreign Office into action and the families got to Moscow during our visit and thereafter.

In the 1980s as chairman of the British-Soviet parliamentary group, when in Moscow testing "Glasnost", I was invited to meet some "top brass" in the Kremlin. I asked embassy staff if they would like to accompany me but they refused, saying I was on "a private visit". Afterwards I had nobody to confirm that I had teased out of my hosts the date of the Soviet withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan.

Lastly, whilst I dislike disputing my friend Winston Churchill's recent review of Lord Bethell's book in the London *Evening Standard*, he adds credence to the Foreign Office's claims of the help they gave the gallant Oleg Gordievsky in his escape from the Soviet Union. The claims are distinctively different from Mr Gordievsky's actual experience when he failed to get the rapid response he desperately needed from our embassy. It was a weekend.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH WARREN,
Woodfield House, Goudhurst, Kent.
November 24.

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Urban deprivation

From the Bishop of Leicester, Chairman of the Church of England Urban Bishops' Panel

Sir, The Policy Studies Institute survey *Urban Trends 2* ("Britain more divided by class and cash than ever", later editions, November 21), underlines the increasing polarisation between many of our deprived urban areas and the rest of society — a trend to which the Church of England report, *Faith in the City*, drew attention nearly ten years ago.

That report on the Church of England has given rise to such major initiatives as the Church Urban Fund and the Committee on Black Anglican Concerns; partnerships have developed between the churches and people of other faiths, other voluntary organisations, local authorities and central government; the Department of the Environment has benefited greatly from the setting up of the Inner Cities Religious Council. The work continues at grassroots level, based on faith in what people living in these areas have to offer to the rest of society.

Over the last year, there has been particular anxiety that the kind of local initiatives which voluntary bodies can sponsor have been gravely weakened by the curtailment of the Urban Programme. We have been told that resources from the DoE's "single regeneration budget" would in some way compensate and we await to see the result of the first round of bids. We are disturbed to hear rumours, however, that there may not be a second round of bidding for the single regeneration budget for 1996-97.

If this were to be the case, this would increase the frustration of local authorities and community groups desperate for stability in funding programmes, so that they can plan effectively. On behalf of the Church of England Urban Bishops' Panel, I have written to the Secretary of State for the Environment to ask for clarification.

Above all, we would reinforce the call by the authors of the PSI report that the Government should maintain its support for deprived urban areas and, in particular, the means to build up capacity, both economic and social, in places where the problems are most acute.

Yours sincerely,
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10 Springfield Road, Leicester.
November 23.

Tory rejuvenation

From Mr Derrick Streeton

Sir, As a former constituency chairman of the Conservative Party (1978-83) I take issue with Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's assertion (letter, November 30) that the Conservative Party is "democratically driven".

Although good democracy exists at its local level, it is there that it stays. What is democratic about the average member having no say whatsoever in the selection (let alone election) of the party chairman, nor in the choice of motions for debate at party conferences (let alone in party policy), nor in approving (or otherwise), the way money is spent by Central Office?

The hole in which the party now rests is in no small way the result of the void which exists between the top and lower levels. After all, good government is all about reflecting majority sentiment, especially those of your own supporters, whereas it can be seen that minority interests and the lobbyist industry often dictate events.

"Democratisation" should be the buzz word for rejuvenating the party, but it may take a major electoral defeat before it is forthcoming.

Yours sincerely,
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No U-turns?

From Sir Ronald Millar

Sir, A propos the Labour leader sending his son to a grant-maintained school, some might say Tony was for turning — but of course I couldn't possibly comment.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD MILLAR,
7 Sheffield Terrace, W8.
December 1.

Playing the game

From Mr M. A. Finlay

Sir, Is the takeover by Hasbro of the Waddington games interests (report, December 1) to be referred to the Monopoly commission?

Yours faithfully,
MIKE FINLAY,
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

December 1: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning arrived at Rochdale Station and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins) and the Mayor of Rochdale (Councillor John Beasley).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to Rochdale Arts and Heritage Centre and were received by the Chairman, Recreation and Community Services, and Deputy Mayor of Rochdale (Councillor Rodney Scott).

After unveiling a commemorative plaque to mark the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Co-operative Movement, The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, toured the centre.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness subsequently attended a Service in the Parish Church of St Chad and were received by the Bishop of Manchester (the Right Reverend Christopher Mayfield).

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, later opened University Barracks, Boundary Lane, Manchester, and was received by the Chairman, Territorial, Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association for the North West of England and the Isle of Man (Colonel Charles Dickie) and the Lord Mayor of Manchester (Councillor Sheila Smith).

Having been received by a Royal Salute, Her Majesty inspected a Guard of Honour and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Afterwards The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured Colonel Dickie with her presence at Luncheon in the Officers' Mess.

Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, this afternoon opened the new Sixth Form House at Chetham's School of Music, Manchester, and was received by the Chairman, Chetham's Hospital and Library Feoffees (Mr Christopher Kenyon).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later arrived at Centenary Bridge, Centenary Way, Trafford Park, and were received by the Chairman, Trafford Park Development Corporation (Mr William Morgan) and the Mayor of Trafford (Councillor Kenneth Rogers).

Having crossed the bridge with His Royal Highness and been received by the Mayor of Salford (Councillor Vincent Prior), Her Majesty opened Centenary Bridge by unveiling a commemorative plaque.

The Lady Farnham, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Mr Simon Gimson and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President and Honorary Life Fellow, Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, this evening attended a Dinner and presented the Albert Medal at John Adam Street, London WC2.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Lady Elton has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

December 1: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

CLARENCE HOUSE

December 1: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Recital given by Vladimir and Dmitri Ashkenazy for the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at St James's Palace.

The Lady Margaret Colville and Major Raymond Seymour were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

December 1: The Prince of Wales received Mr Lodwrick Cook this morning.

His Royal Highness, President, Royal College of Music, this afternoon bestowed Fellowships and attended a Concert to mark the Centenary of the Official Opening of the Main College Building at Prince Consort Road, London SW7.

Dr Manon Williams was in attendance.

Later The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Dragoon Guards, received Major General Patrick Brooking upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel, The Royal Dragoon Guards, and Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony Mullins upon assuming the appointment.

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Dragoon Guards, this evening attended the Annual Officers Dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club, London W1.

Major Patrick Tabor was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 1: The Princess of Wales, Patron, National Aids Trust, this morning opened the Mortimer Market Centre, London WC1.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, National Aids Trust, this evening attended the "Concert of Hope" at Wembley Arena, Middlesex.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith was in attendance.

December 1: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, The Guide Association, held a Reception at Kensington Palace this afternoon following the presentation of Brooches to those who have become Queen's Guides.

The Lady Juliet Townsend was in attendance.

December 1: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Scarborough and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt).

In the morning His Royal Highness, Commissioner, English Heritage, visited sites in Scarborough.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, Order of St John, attended the Grand Prior's First Aid Competition at the Spa Pavilion, Scarborough.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

December 1: The Duke and Duchess of Kent this evening opened an extension to the Peninsula Hotel, Salisbury Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Mrs Julian Tomkins and Mr Nicolas Adamson were in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morning opened the Paediatric Centre, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Wylie Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Birthdays today

The Earl of Arundel and Surrey, 38; Sir Maurice Bathurst, QC, 81; Sir Frederic Bennett, former MP, 76; Mr Timothy Boswell, MP, 52; the Hon Nigel Calder, science writer, 63; Mrs Beryl Chitty, diplomat, 77; Professor Sir Alan Cook, former Master, Selwyn College, Cambridge, 72; Sir Frank Cooper, civil servant and company chairman, 72; Sir David Davies, former chairman, Welsh Development Agency, 85; Mr Ian Finlay, former director, Royal Scottish Museum, 88; Mr David Green, director, VSO, 46; Mr Michael Green, chairman, Carlton Communications, 47; General Alexander Haig, former American Secretary of State, 70; Marshal of the RAF Sir Peter Harding, 61; Miss Patricia Hewitt, former deputy director, Institute for Public Policy Research, 46; Dr Gwyn Jones, chairman, Broadcasting Council for Wales, 46; Sir George Labouchere, diplomat, 89; Dr Brian Lang, chief executive, British Library, 49; Mr Roy Moss, vice-chairman, Allied Domecq, 65; Dame Winifred Prentice, former president, Royal College of Nursing, 84; Miss Monica Seles, tennis player, 21; Mr Alex Smith, MEP, 51; Mr Gianni Versace, fashion designer, 48.



PETER TREVNOR

Jennifer Burgess of Sotheby's shows the Schumann manuscript with revisions by the composer pasted on

Schumann manuscript sells for £1.4m

BY JOHN SHAW

THE working manuscript of Robert Schumann's Second Symphony in C Major, thought to have been destroyed in a bombing raid during the Second World War, sold for a record £1,486,500 at Sotheby's in London yesterday.

The price, well above the pre-sale estimate of £700,000-£800,000, was paid by Mr and Mrs Robin Lehman, two wealthy manuscript collectors based in New York who lend their acquisitions to the J. Pierpont Morgan Library, New York. It is understood that the manuscript may go on show there.

It was bought on their behalf by James Kirkman, a picture dealer who was on the telephone to the couple during a round of hectic bidding. The underbidder was Otto Haas, the manuscript dealer based in London. The price set a new auction record for a single work of music.

The sale was a coup for Dr Stephen Roe, head of the manuscripts department in Sotheby's, who broke into his holidays for a four-day trip to see the vendor who later decided to consign the 246-page symphony for auction. Dr Roe took it to New York where it was seen by Mr and Mrs Lehman. There was great pre-auction interest in Germany and the United States.

The re-emergence of the symphony was one of the most momentous events in music for the past 50 years. It was the last complete symphony by any Romantic composer still in private hands. The others are in public libraries.

It is also one of the composer's most important works and the most significant to appear at auction since his Piano Concerto in A Minor sold for £880,000 at Sotheby's in 1989.

The manuscript reveals the creative process at work. In many places Schumann marked the score so heavily with revisions, deletions, erasions and scratching-out that new passages had to be pasted over the top.

These lift back to reveal layer upon layer of working and reworking. The earlier versions are unknown to scholars. The final outcome emphasises Schumann's central role in the development of the German Romantic symphony out of Beethoven and Schubert's classical tradition.

Schumann worked on the piece throughout 1846 and finally handed it to his publisher in 1847. There is a fly-leaf dedication by Clara, his wife, to Julius Reitz, who conducted the work in Leipzig in 1855.

Reitz, to Clara's disgust, sold the manuscript and ownership later passed to Breitkopf and Hartel, Leipzig music publishers, whose premises were badly damaged by Allied bombs in December 1943.

It was assumed that the manuscript had been destroyed, but it survived bomb and fire damage and was sold into private hands by the firm in 1950.

At the same sale yesterday a lock of Beethoven's hair, cut from his head the day he died, made £4,140.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Historic Dockyard, Chatham, at 9.30.

The Prince of Wales, as Chairman of The Prince of Wales's Committee and President of Business in the Community, will visit Bettws, Mid Glamorgan, at 10.20; will visit Mid Glamorgan University, Pontypridd, at noon; will visit the Ysgysowen School, Aberfan, at 1.15; as Chairman of The Prince of Wales's Committee, will visit the Old Stables, Merthyr Tydfil, at 2.50; will open the new medical centre at Dowlais, at 3.25; and will attend the Tetbury Chamber of Commerce Christmas festive evening at Tetbury, Gloucestershire, at 6.40.

The Duke of York, Admiral of the Sea Cadet Corps, will attend a carol concert for the Sea Cadet Association at Guildhall at 7.30.

Lady Butler of Saffron Walden greatly regrets that she was unable to attend the funeral service for the Earl of Selkirk, KT, QC, yesterday.

Premium Bonds

The £1 million prize in the Premium Bond draw for December was won by bond number 18WZ 712021. The winner lives in Norfolk and has a bond holding of £15,850.

Legal appointment

Mr Jeremy Cole to be a full-time Chairman of Industrial Tribunals from January 3, assigned to the London South Region.

Church news

Appointments

The Ven Patrick Evans, Archdeacon of Maidstone, diocese Canterbury: to be also Chairman of the Board Mission, same diocese.

The Rev Richard Fordham, NSM, Holy Trinity, Cookham: to be NSM, Hedsor w Bourne End (Oxford).

The Rev Eric Franklin: permission to officiate, Thanet deanery, diocese Canterbury.

The Rev Susan Gould: permission to officate, diocese of Birmingham.

The Rev Alan Green, Chaplain, Worcester College, Oxford: to be also Assistant Priest, St Giles, St Phillip and St James w St Margaret, Oxford (Oxford).

The Rev David Grimwood, Senior Adviser of Joint Council for Social Responsibility, diocese Canterbury: to be Link Officer for Faith in the City, same diocese.

The Rev Keith Harrison, Vicar, Heywood (Manchester): to be Chaplain, St Paul's, Athens w St Peter's, Kifissia, Greece (Europe).

The Rev Bruce Hawkins, Vicar, Walmer: to be also Rural Dean of Sandwich (Canterbury).

The Rev Francis Hewitt, Vicar, Pickering: to be also Rural Dean of Pickering (York).

The Rev Joan Hicks, Assistant Curate, St Mary's, Wendover: to be Assistant Curate, St Peter's, Earley (Oxford).

The Rev Elisabeth Hubbard: to be Rector, Willingham and Rampton (Ely).

The Rev John Humphries, Rector, King's Cliffe: to be also Priest-in-charge, Collyweston (Peterborough).

The Rev Colin Hutt, Curate (NSM), Ludlow Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar (stipendiary), Tenbury Wells Team Ministry (Hereford).

The Rev Christopher Jackson, Vicar, St David, Shenley Green: to be also Dean of Kings Norton (Birmingham).

The Rev Canon Derek Jackson, Priest-in-charge, Cerne Abbas (Salisbury): to be Chaplain in Menorca, Spain (Europe).

The Rev Ian Kitteringham, Vicar, St Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth Common: to be also an Honorary Canon of Southwark Cathedral (Southwark).

The Rev David Lewis, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Wallington: to be also an Honorary Canon of Southwark Cathedral (Southwark).

The Rev Jenny Lister, Assistant Curate, St Peter's, Cowgate (Newcastle): to be Assistant Curate (NSM), Lichfield St Michael (Lichfield).

The Rev Peter McConnell, Curate, North Shields: to be Vicar, St Peter, Balkwell (Newcastle).

The Rev Stephen Maslen, Rector, St John, Coulsdon: to be also an Honorary Canon of Southwark Cathedral (Southwark).

The Rev Michael Metcalf, lately Director of Education, diocese Lichfield: to be Vicar, Stafford St Paul, same diocese.

The Rev Dr John Parr: to be Priest-in-charge, Harston and Haunton (Ely).

The Rev Canon Barry Thomas, Rector, Llanbeblig w Caernarfon (Bangor): to be Chaplain of St Paul's, Monte-Carlo, Monaco (Europe).

Service dinners

The Royal Dragoon Guards

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Dragoon Guards, attended a Regimental Officers' dinner held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Major-General P.G. Brooking, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets

Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox, Honorary Colonel of the 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Haberdashers' Hall.

Joseph Janni

A celebration of the producer Joseph Janni and his life's achievements will take place at The Italian Institute, 39 Belgrave Square, London, SW1, on Monday, December 19, at 11.30am.

School news

Francis Holland School, Clarence Gate

Tickets for the reunion supper for Old Girls on Wednesday, December 14, can be obtained on request from the School Office on 071 723 0176.

Appointment

Mr David Faber, MP, has been appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister for Overseas development.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.G. Arcedeckne-Butler and Miss N.C. Rawoo

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mrs Jacqueline Arcedeckne-Butler and the late Mr Michael Arcedeckne-Butler, of Wickham, Hampshire, and Nathalie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Med Rawoo, of Sydenham, London.

Mr T.S. Beharrell and Miss V.J. Leuchars

The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr and Mrs J.C. Beharrell, of Little Aston, Sutton Coldfield, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Leuchars, of Chelwood Gate, Sussex.

Mr D.S. Dolbear and Miss B.J. Ingham

The engagement is announced between David Samuel, only son of the late Mr David Dolbear and of Mrs Hazel Dolbear, of Braintree, Essex, and Belinda Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Ingham, of Ashtead, Surrey.

Mr J. Greenfield and Miss S.A.L. Jordan

The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mrs L. Greenfield, of South Killingholme, Humberside, and the late Mr W. Greenfield, and Stacey Amanda Lorraine, only daughter of Dr and Mrs E.K.H. Jordan, of Malvern, Worcestershire.

Mr T.W. Greenwood and Miss G.E. Maison

The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Greenwood, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Gillian, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Maison, of Bournemouth, Dorset, and Chefoo School, Malaysia.

Dr G.J.C. Harris and Miss S.L. Seaton

The engagement is announced between Guy, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Harris, of Long Ashton, near Bristol, and Sarah, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Seaton, of Dorchester, Dorset.

Mr S.J. Nash and Miss H.S. Bevens

The engagement is announced between Stuart Justin, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Nash, of Little Gransden, Cambridgeshire, and Helen Sian, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Bevens, of Great Gransden.

Mr T.L. Oliver and Miss B. Lawes

The engagement is announced between Thomas, eldest son of Dr Peter Oliver, of Milton Abbas, Dorset, and Mrs Adrien Bailey, of Marnhull, Dorset, and Bead, daughter of Mr Barry Lawes, of Duncton, West Sussex, and Mrs Michael Hind, of Wadhurst, East Sussex.

Mr N. Prasad and Miss D.P. Willetts

The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Rai Rameshwari and Mrs Prasad, of India, and Suffolk, and Diane Patricia, daughter of Mrs Helga Willetts and the late Mr Patrick Derek Willetts, of Hertford.

Mr T.O. Scott and Miss P.A. MacDonald

The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Dr and Mrs Barry Scott, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Penny, daughter of Mrs Pamela MacDonald and the late Mr Ian MacDonald, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr I.G. Wright and Miss A. Gibson

The engagement is announced between Ian, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brian Wright, of Chelmsford, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice Gibson, of Old Stevenage.

Marriage

Mr K. Gillies and Mrs E. Plowright

The marriage took place on December 1, at Kensington and Chelsea Register Office, between Mr Keith Gillies and Mrs Elizabeth Plowright.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Henry Gally Knight, architect and writer, Langold, Yorkshire, 1786; Georges Seurat, painter, creator of Pointillism, Paris, 1859; George Minot, physician, Nobel laureate 1934, Boston, Massachusetts, 1885; Sir John Barbirolli, conductor, London, 1899; Maria Callas, soprano, New York, 1923.

DEATHS: Hernán Cortés, conqueror of Mexico, Seville, 1547; Gerhardus Mercator, cartographer, Duisberg, Germany, 1594; Marquis de Sade, writer and adventurer, Charenton Asylum, Paris, 1814; Adelaide, Queen Consort of King William IV, Bentley Priory, Stanmore, Middlesex, 1849; Amelia Opie, novelist, Norwich, 1853; John Brown, militant Abolitionist, executed, Charles Town, Virginia, 1859; Edmond Rostand, dramatist, Paris, 1918; Stephen Potter, humorist, London, 1969; Philip Larkin, poet, Hull, 1985; Aaron Copland, composer, Westchester County, New York, 1990.

St Paul's Cathedral, rebuilt by Wren, was opened, 1697.

Napoleon Bonaparte crowned himself Emperor of the French in Notre Dame, Paris, 1804.

The Second Empire was established in France with Napoleon III as Emperor, 1852.

Receptions

Conservative Middle East Council

Sir Dennis Walters, MBE, Hon President, Mr Cyril Townsend, MP, Chairman and the officers of the Conservative Middle East Council were hosts at a reception held yesterday in the Jubilee Room at the House of Commons in honour of the Arab Ambassadors.

Council of European Municipalities and Regions

Mr Gordon McCartney, Chairman of the Individual Members Group of the British Section of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, was the host at a reception held last night at Dolphin Square to mark the contribution of British local government to developments in Europe.

Royal Victorian Order

The Queen has commanded that a service of the Royal Victorian Order is to be held in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, at 11.00am on Thursday, April 27, 1995, followed by a reception in the State Apartments of Windsor Castle for all Members and Medallists of the Order attending the service.

Due to the limited seating capacity of St George's Chapel, tickets for the service and reception will be restricted to Members of the Royal Victorian Order and holders of the Royal Victorian Medal only. Please do not apply for tickets for spouses, or other guests, who are not Members or Medallists of the Order. Honorary Members and Medallists are not eligible to attend.

Members of the Order and Medallists who wish to attend should apply for a ticket as soon as possible, and not later than Friday, March 10, 1995, clearly stating their name, address and Grade within the Order. They should also state if they require a parking permit. Application should be made to the Registrar of the Royal Victorian Order, The Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, St James's Palace, London, SW1A 1BH.

Salters' Company

Lord Porter of Luddenham presented the Salters' Prize for the teaching of chemistry to Dr Colin Chambers of Bolton School at Salters' Hall yesterday. He also presented prizes to graduates in chemistry and chemical engineering and to students who had achieved the best results in the Salters' Advanced Chemistry Examinations.

Mr Alan Grieve of the Jerwood Foundation presented the Salters'/Jerwood Chemistry Equipment Awards. Mr J.R.S. Homan, Master of the Salters' Company, presided.

Luncheon

Arts Council of England

The Earl of Gowrie, Chairman, the Arts Council of England, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at 14 Great Peter Street. Among the guests were:

Pamela, Lady Harlech, Dame Judi Dench, Sir Timothy Lankester, Mr Stephen Daldry, Mr Ian Hargreaves, and Mr Dennis Stevenson.

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You are awesome, Lord, more majestic than the everlasting mountains.
Psalm 76 : 4 (REB)
Sunday 27 Nov

BIRTHS

ACHESON-GRAY - On November 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Joanna (née Porter) and Giles, a son (Thomas Henry), a brother for Fred.

CALLANDER - At Stirling on 18th November, to Helen (née Matthews) and David, a daughter, Sophie Rachel.

CAREW - On 22nd November, in Zimbabwe, to Max (née Robson) and Geoffrey, a daughter, sister to Thomas Sophie. P. Bag. 296A Harare.

COMFORTH - To Denise and Alastair, on 28th November, a daughter, Portia, a sister to Robin and Olivia.

FIRTH - On November 29th, to Katherine (née Everett) and Michael, a daughter, Jessica Katherine, a sister to James.

HODGKIN - On November 25th, to Karen (née Pearce) and Harry, a son, John Eliot, a brother for Polly.

LEWIS - On 11th October, to Dr. Anne (née Taylor) and Dr. Matthew, in Manchester, a daughter, Gemma Clare.

PENDREICH - On November 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline (née Williams) and John, a beautiful daughter, Tania, a sister for Corey.

ROONEY - On November 4th 1994, at Bayview Hospital, Barbados, to Rebecca (née Sunderland) and Julian, a son, Max William Thomas, a brother for Camilla.

SCHUTE - On 23rd November 1994 at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, to Lucy (née Goddard) and Jonathan, a son, Alexander Charles.

TROOP - On November 24th, to Patricia (née Rozario) and Mark, a son, George Robert, a brother for Olivia.

YARD - On 15th November 1994 at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, to Carolyne (née Wyper) and Ian, a daughter, Eleanor Louise, a sister to Angus and William.

DEATHS

BECKETT - On November 30th, peacefully, aged 91, Katharine Mary, devoted wife of the late Sir William Eric Beckett KCMG QC. Funeral at St Peter's Church, West Lydford, Somerset, on Thursday December 8th at 2pm. Flowers or donations to St Peter's Church, West Lydford c/o Forsey & Son, Bulleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset, BA6 8SY (tel: 0458-50654).

BORWICK - On 28th November 1994, George Sandbach, son of the late 3rd Baron Borwick, at St Luke's Hospice aged 72. Funeral private: Memorial Service in South Africa 6 pm 11th December at St Luke's Hospice, Kenilworth, Cape Town. Donations please to St Luke's Hospice. Memorial Service in London to be announced.

BRERELEY - On Wednesday November 30th, Jonathan, dearly loved only son of Derek Brierley and the late Anna Pelli. Funeral at Holy Trinity, Brompton, on Tuesday 13th December at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation at Putney Vale at 4 pm. Flowers and enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, London W8 6LA, tel: (071) 937-0767.

BROOKE - On November 29th, peacefully at home, Madeleine, aged 95. Wife of the late Col. A.S. Brooke M.C., The Royal Garwhal Rifles. Cremation at Eastbourne on Friday December 9th at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to League of Friends of Bexhill Hospital c/o Mummery F/D, 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea.

BUDD - Helene (Mimi) died peacefully 30th November 1994, aged 96 years. Cremation at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Friday 9th December 1994 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations P.D.S.A. c/o Galpar & Co., 48 High Street, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8LW. tel: (0883) 742513.

DEAM - David Edis on 30th November, peacefully in the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, dear husband of Sylvia. No flowers please.

de FIELD - Antony Miles, peacefully on 25th November at Louth, Lincolnshire. Son of Anna Georgina Stuart Richardson and Antoine de Fleltcowsky. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Manby, Lincs., on Saturday 3rd December 11 am. Flowers to Walkers, Queen Street Place, Louth or donations to Motor Neurone Society.

GOLDIE - Hugh Desmond Barrie OBE MC DL, on 29th November 1994, aged 87 years. All enquiries to R & H Barker (0255) 510055.

HOWELL - On November 25rd at Toulon, France, Keith Howell of London SW7 died of burns after heroically saving his family from their burning yacht. He leaves his desolate partner, Cecilia, and Parents, Mr and Mrs Charles Howell, many grieving relatives and many, many grief-stricken friends. His funeral took place at Beaulieu-Sur-Mer, South of France on November 28th, and will be followed by a Memorial Requiem Choral Mass at 3 pm on 9th December at the Carmelite Priory of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Simon Stock, 41 Kensington Church St., London SW7, followed by a reception at La Fontaine Restaurant, 101 Pimlico Road SW1, until 7 pm. We have tried to contact all of Keith's many friends and wish that all of those who may read this will come to join us to honour his bravery, courage, and love of life, and to mourn his tragic death. Family flowers only please, but donations for the work of Specialist Burns Units may be sent care of Mr Frank Clayden, National Westminster Bank, PO Box No. 86, 46 High St., Brentwood, Essex CM1 4AL.

EVKYN - On 30th November 1994 peacefully in hospital, Kilton, widow of Col. D.A.D. Evkyn D.S.O., D.L. (Royal Scots), beloved mother of Judith. Funeral Service at Mortonhall Crematorium Pentland Chapel on Monday 5th December at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired, to the Royal Scots Benevolent Fund, Edinburgh.

FLOOD - On December 1st, Valerie (Globe) Flood, of Chipstead, Surrey, beloved wife of Jim and loving mother of Katy and Jenny. Funeral Service and cremation on Thursday 8th December at 11 am at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Crawley. Flowers to the Crematorium and donations for The Royal Marsden Hospital may be sent to W.A. Trussove & Son Ltd., 118 Carshalton Road, Sutton, SM1 4RU.

GARCIA SARRIA - Peacefully at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary on November 30th 1994, surrounded by his family, Francisco Garcia Sarria, dearly loved husband of Betty, loving father of Ana Maria and Paula. Dear brother of Felicidad. Requiem Mass at Church of the Sacred Heart on Tuesday December 6th at 10 am and interment thereafter in Mount Vernon Cemetery at 11 am. R.I.P.

JOHANSEN - Kathleen, widow of the late Norvall Johansen and beloved mother, suddenly at home on 23rd November. Funeral at the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, on Monday 5th December at 2.30 pm.

LUARD - On Tuesday November 29th in London, Francesca, aged 29 years, eldest daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Luard and sister to Caspar, Peony and Honey. Funeral Service Ripe Church, near Lewes, Sussex, 2 pm Saturday December 3rd.

MacLAREN - On 29th November after a short illness, at Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, Andrew Alastair, aged 75, much loved by sister Margot, brother Colin and niece Annabel. Formerly Chairman Fire Officers Committee. Funeral at West Chapel, Putney Vale Crematorium, on Tuesday 6th December at 11.15 am. Family flowers only. Memorial Service at St Lawrence Jewry in January.

MILLER - On November 30th, Nadia, aged 91, widow of Dr. A.K. Miller and mother of Tatiana and William, peacefully at Kite Hill Nursing Home. Funeral on Tuesday December 6th at St Lawrence Church, Isle of Wight at 11.30 am.

ROBINSON - On November 30th 1994, suddenly in the garden, Hugh, of Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, husband of Elma, father of Nicola, Phillippa, Alastair and Eleanor and grandfather of Kate, Imogen and Iain. Very much loved by us all, fondest memories. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Ponteland, on Monday 5th December at 11.30 am, followed by cremation at Newcastle at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to National Trust, Northumbria Region, Scots Gap, Morpeth, NE61 4EG.

SWAIN - On November 29th 1994, peacefully at Hartshead Manor Nursing Home, Colin Havelock Swain aged 73 years. Beloved stepfather of Heather and Emrys, brother of Nancy, Daphne, Audrey and Avis, and much loved grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and great-uncle. Service at Park Wood Crematorium, Elland, on Tuesday December 6th, 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations would be appreciated for the Stroke Association c/o Lawrence Funeral Service, Green Hayes, Bell Hall, Halifax HX1 2XR.

THOMPSON - On 27th November at Salisbury District Hospital, Joyce Wansey, peacefully after a short illness, aged 86. Dearly loved. Cremation private. Service and interment of ashes on Thursday 8th December at 2 pm at Salisbury Cathedral. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Friends of Salisbury Cathedral.

TRACEY - On Wednesday 30th November 1994, peacefully at home in Tunbridge Wells, Joan Bennet, adored wife of Christopher, mother of Paul, Julian, Adrian and Joanna and grandmother of Dominic, Hugo, Benedict and Felix. Requiem Mass at St Augustine's Church, Tunbridge Wells, on Tuesday 6th December at 10.30 am followed by private burial. Flowers to E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells.

VEVERS - On November 30th 1994, peacefully at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Richard Geoffrey (Jock), aged 73, of Puttenham, Surrey. Beloved husband of Esther, much loved father of Jeremy, Clare, Adam and Simon and devoted grandad. Cremation family only. Memorial Service at Puttenham Church on Saturday December 10th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice c/o J. Gottlieb & Son Funeral Directors, 85 Hare Lane, Godalming, Surrey. tel: (01483) 416403.

WELLS - On 28th November at Kidderminster General Hospital, Dr. Alexander Frank, Faculty of the University of Connecticut. Beloved husband of the late Ada and father of Janet, Elizabeth, Daisy and Alec. Funeral on 6th December at Deverdale Church, Osbaston, Worcs. Phone (0298) 812886.

ZELLICUS - On November 29th, peacefully, Eugenia (née Nowicka), widow of Konni Zilliacus MP. Funeral private.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

RAWDEN - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Colin Rawden will be held on 9th December at 1.30 pm at St Peter's Church, Bulmill Common, nr. Coventry. No flowers. Donations; to the R.N.L.I.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

DALY - In proud and loving memory of Vincent, Radio Officer S.S. Tentmark; died at Bari, Italy, 2nd December 1943, aged 17 years. Remembering also his fellow crew members. R.I.P. Brothers and sisters.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

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OBITUARIES

AIR VICE-MARSHAL HAROLD LEONARD-WILLIAMS

Air Vice-Marshal Harold Leonard-Williams, CB, CBE, former director-general of manning for the RAF, died on November 21 aged 83. He was born on September 10, 1911.



HAROLD LEONARD-WILLIAMS flew into France's champagne country at the outbreak of the Second World War, with ten squadrons of Fairey Battle single-engined bombers. They were the nucleus of the RAF's Advanced Air Striking Force (AASF) whose forward operating bases in eastern France were established to enable even short-range aircraft like the Battle to reach industrial targets in Germany's heartland.

In the event no such warlike project ever materialised, since the Chamberlain Government, under pressure from the French who feared devastating reprisals, decreed that no bombs were to be dropped on enemy territory as there was a danger that civilians might be injured. Between September 1939 and the opening of the Blitzkrieg in May 1940 nothing more damaging than propaganda leaflets were dropped on Germany by the AASF.

"Leonard-Bill" as he was to become known throughout the service, was then a young pilot who had been converted two years earlier into one of a new generation of signals specialists. In France his task was to help to build a communications network for the AASF as its planes ran the gauntlet of Hitler's air defences in their mission to change the hearts and minds of the German people.

When the Germans attacked on May 10, 1940, the AASF's role became a tactical one and the Battle, a wretchedly obsolete design, slow, ungainly, packing a risible bombload and a negligible defensive armament, was shot down in droves in valiant but vain attempts to stop the Panzer spearheads. For his part in maintaining communications for these desperate sorties Leonard-Williams was mentioned in dispatches before the Dunkirk evacuation — whereupon he returned to London and the Air Ministry. From there two years later he helped to organise RAF communications in the Western Desert at the time of El Alamein. From 1944 onwards he was involved closely with the Americans as chairman of the Joint Communications Board and after the war was appointed to the US Legion of Merit.

Despite his conversion to the signals branch of the RAF, Harold Guy Leonard-Williams had dreamt since his boyhood of being a pilot. Born at Winchester, he was the son of an Anglican missionary in China and spent his schooldays shuttling between Lancing College, where he was a boarder, and the Far East.

From Lancing (where his main sport was boxing) he went to Cranwell in 1930, passing out with his wings two years later. He then served in this country and Egypt before going on the 16-month signals course in 1937 — a route followed by a number of other officers at that time in order to improve their career prospects. But he maintained his fitness to fly until he retired.

By 1947 he was back in Egypt for three years, stationed at Ismailia as chief signals officer Middle East. Between 1951 and 1953 he commanded the Radio Engineering Unit at RAF Henlow and after becoming director of signals at the Air Ministry did two years as commandant of No 1 Radio School, Locking, 1959-61.

Leonard-Williams's last signals appointment was as command electronics officer in Fighter Command, 1961-63. For the next two years he was in charge of general administration in RAF Far East, based at Changi, Singapore — his first tour as an air vice-marshal. Then came a final posting as director-general of RAF manning in the Ministry of Defence, during the years of contraction as Britain prepared to withdraw from East of Suez. He retired from the RAF in 1968.

In the same year Leonard-Williams took over as warden of St Michael's Cheshire Home at Axbridge, a job which he did successfully for four years. He then decided to throw himself into local politics. Standing as a Conservative he was elected to Somerset County Council in 1973 and, after heading the planning committee for a time, became chairman of the council between 1978 and 1983. It was under his chairmanship that Somerset "twinned" with the Orly department in southern Normandy. Leonard-Williams commemorating the link by planting a number of stout English oaks in the oak forest near Alençon.

The most lasting monument to his time as a local councillor, however, is perhaps the unspoilt tracts of land on Exmoor. As chairman of the Exmoor National Park committee — a council body which also takes in part of Devon — Leonard-Williams pioneered the system of land management grants.

These, the first of their kind in the country, were paid to farmers on Exmoor to encourage them to maintain the moor in its natural state. The scheme was introduced in response to concern over the growing cultivation of virgin heathland. He retired from the council altogether nine years ago.

He was a briskly efficient chairman of committees, proceeding with an air of quiet authority. Accustomed to service, punctuality and self-discipline, he had little time for late-comers and absentees. He accepted criticism, however, with good humour and was capable of great compassion and understanding. Off-duty he loved his garden and his home and was perhaps happiest of all when watching cricket. He was made a deputy lieutenant of Somerset in 1975.

He is survived by his wife Kitty, who is herself in hospital, and by their daughter.

DOROTHY PICKLES

Dorothy Pickles, author, broadcaster and teacher of politics, died on November 26 aged 91. She was born in Bridlington on August 8, 1903.



DOROTHY PICKLES was a distinguished political historian who influenced several generations of political scientists, through her classes at the University of Leicester and at the London School of Economics, and through her definitive books on French politics. As a writer, she worked within the mainstream of the British political science tradition, taking a broad historical and institutional approach.

Dorothy Salmon, as she was born, was the daughter of a physical education teacher and a milliner. Her forward-looking yet hardly affluent parents decided that they could just afford to send their eldest child, whatever the sex, to university, provided a scholarship could be obtained.

Dorothy, the eldest, did win a scholarship to Leeds University, without arousing the jealousy of her younger brothers or sister. She duly gained a first-class degree in French, as well as the Sir Swire Smith Scholarship, which enabled her to go on to the Sorbonne. It was there that she met her future husband William Pickles. They both obtained teaching posts at Portsmouth College, but when they married she — as was the custom of those days — was forced to resign.

In the 1930s the couple moved to London for William to take up an appointment at the London School of Economics, initially as a lecturer in modern languages. Dorothy decided to study for a second degree, this time in political science. She became Harold Laski's star pupil, gaining her second first-class degree and winning the Hugh Lewis Essay Prize, while producing their only child, Judith, in the middle of the course.

When a lectureship in government was added to the faculty at the LSE, she boldly resolved to apply for it. Laski, however, gave it instead to her husband — on the somewhat unfair ground that, given the strength of her qualifications for such a job, she would surely find one elsewhere. She never, however, succeeded in obtaining a tenured post. She did, though, teach politics in a part-time capacity at the LSE from 1935 to 1978 and at the University of Leicester.

She and her husband clearly enjoyed each other's company, constantly bouncing ideas off each other and (combined) against visitors. Indeed, one friend commented that "in discussion with them it sometimes required perseverance and a certain temerity to insert a word".

Dorothy was very protective towards William, to his amusement and sometimes simulated irritation. Yet this very close relationship never detracted from her own position, for she was a striking, articulate, no-nonsense person, capable of trenchant asides and ironic allusion, never in William's shadow, and herself a strenuous and productive scholar. As a teacher, she was a hardworking and uncompromising critic who hated sloppy thinking and sloppy style, as her comments at the end of her students' essays made clear.

It was during her period of frustrating unemployment that Dorothy began to make her name for her writing on politics, beginning with *The French Political Scene* in 1938. During the war she worked in the Ministry of Information, where she directed the French reference section, concerned with the monitoring of the French press and the provision of information on and to the French Resistance.

From this experience she acquired much of the material for her book *France Between the Republics* (1946). This and her later *The Fifth French Republic* (1960) became the classic textbooks of the day and are still valued as historical reference books. Like her two-volume *The Government and Politics of France* (1972-73) and her other writings — in all she wrote 12 books — all were immensely well informed, and acutely perceptive.

After the war Dorothy also served as a magistrate on the Harrow bench and stood, without success, as parliamentary candidate for the Labour Party in 1950 in the staunchly Tory stronghold of Finchley. She and William had very strong right-wing Labour connections: Herbert Morrison was her hero as well as her husband's. They were also both very close to the socialist governments of the Fourth Republic in the 1950s — frequently acting as simultaneous translators at meetings between such figures as Guy Mollet and Hugh Gaitskell.

Dorothy Pickles was a frequent broadcaster on the French political scene in both English and French, and in 1960 was invited to the United States as a visiting professor at Columbia University. Her last book, *Problems of French Politics*, was completed reluctantly after the death of her husband in 1981; critics hailed her as "the doyenne of French politics" and described the book as "the best introduction to French politics available". She always expressed amused pride in a publisher's leaflet listing her alongside Einstein, Pushkin and Sartre as writers of important titles in the literary and academic field.

She is survived by her daughter.

ERICK HAWKINS

Erick Hawkins, dancer and choreographer, died in New York on November 23 aged 85. He was born in 1909.



Hawkins with Martha Graham, London, 1950

UNFAIRLY but inevitably, Erick Hawkins is likely to be remembered longer for his effect on Martha Graham than for his own dancing and choreography. As the first male dancer to join her company, as her lover and, for a time, her husband, he opened up new possibilities in her work; and her eminence in the development of American and international dance overshadowed all her contemporaries. But after their personal and artistic lives were sundered, Hawkins went on to an exceptionally long and successful career with his own company and school, strongly influencing many choreographers who studied with him.

Born in Colorado, Hawkins had graduated from Harvard (where he read Greek) before he decided to become a dancer under the inspiration of a performance he saw by the solo dancer Harald Kreutzberg, a leading exponent of the German expressive school. Hawkins attended the newly formed School of American Ballet in New York and was a member of Balanchine's American Ballet at the Metropolitan Opera House, 1935-37. He also danced with Ballet Caravan, the smaller touring company which Lincoln Kirstein ran from 1936 to 1939; there he appeared in ballets by Lew Christensen, William Dollar and Eugene Loring, and in July 1937 staged his own first choreography, *Show Piece*, described as a "ballet workout" which, aiming to show off the dancer's virtuosity in a modern manner, enjoyed success with audiences for some time.

Despite his tall, athletic physique, Hawkins had started too late to succeed fully in classical ballet; coming across Graham's self-wrought style of contemporary dance he began again in an idiom that offered him better prospects. Appearing first with her previously all-female troupe as a guest in *American Document* (1938), he became a regular member in 1939 and over the next decade took roles in the premieres of many of her best works, including the Ringmaster in *Every Soul is a Circus*, the title part in *El Penitente*, the Husbandman in *Appalachian Spring*, Oedipus in *Night Journey* and the leading man in *Diversion of Angels*.

Graham, besotted with this devastatingly handsome, extremely ambitious young man, delegated all management functions to Hawkins and upset her long-term dancers by the extent of her reliance upon him. He was even allowed to perform some of his own solos in her programmes. But what she gained emotionally from their relationship, plus the wider choreographic spectrum available with male as well as female dancers (Merce Cunningham soon joined, then others), much enriched her work.

After they had been lovers for years, Hawkins suddenly insisted in 1948 that they were to marry that day. But this did not make their tempestuous relationship any calmer. They finally broke up in 1950 when she suffered an injury in Paris where the Graham company was about to start its first European season. Hawkins improvised a replacement programme, believing that "the show must go on" even without its star and creator — a view Graham did not share and could not forgive.

Thereafter Hawkins formed his own company, gradually evolving what he called the "normative theory" of dance based on unforced, natural movement. It was a dance of understatement and, like a speaker who avoids raising his voice, compelled the audience to concentrate attentively.

At the same time Hawkins abandoned his initial dramatic content for a more abstract style of ritual ceremony. He almost always used specially written music, and insisted that it be played live. His most frequent collaborators over many years were Lucia Dlugoszewski, composer, and Ralph Dorazio, sculptor, who devised special percussion instruments as well as designing settings and costumes. With their co-operation, Hawkins drew upon many influences, among them the dances and music of the American Indians, and both the art and philosophy of the Orient and of Ancient Greece.

When Hawkins's company eventually played a London season at Sadler's Wells in June 1980, his creations were admired for their unusually quiet, gentle way of moving and for the beguiling innocence of their content. Hawkins, past 70, was still appearing among his young dancers, and continued doing so for many more years, not taxing himself physically to impress but relying on a simple dignity and charm.

VITALI FOMIN

Vitali Fomin, artistic director of the St Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra, died from a heart attack on October 31 aged 61. He was born in Leningrad on May 21, 1933.

WITH his sensitive selection of artists and programmes, Vitali Fomin steered Russia's best-known orchestra through turbulent times, musically and politically. Fomin was for 18 years artistic director of the St Petersburg Philharmonic (until recently the Leningrad Philharmonic). Under his aegis the orchestra travelled extensively in the West and signed a number of good contracts, including one with the International Management Group. In the process it established a reputation as one of the most formidable of all East European orchestras. Fomin's death, coming so soon after that of the orchestra's general manager Boris Skvortsov, who died in the summer, leaves a void in the musical life of Russia's cultural capital.

Vitali Sergeyevich Fomin came from a family of engineers and studied to become a chemical engineer at the Leningrad Technological Institute. It was here that his musical abilities began to emerge. He directed student and factory choirs, and built a name for himself as a more than capable pianist, playing for many years with a workers' group called Krylov's Choir. In 1958 he enrolled as an external student in the musicology department of the Leningrad Conservatoire of Music and took a part-time — later to be full-time — job writing programme notes for the Leningrad Philharmonic, which by this time was producing some of its most idiosyncratic work under the baton of the legendary Yevgeni Mravinsky.

Fomin was a quiet, unpretentious man who would never be found in the VIP seats at the Philharmonic Hall — he preferred those at the back with the better acoustics. He worked his way through the ranks of the orchestra's bureaucratic machine until in 1976, while others were fiercely competing for the job of artistic director, Mravinsky plucked him out and offered him the position. The same year his book *Mravinsky Conducts The Orchestra*, chronicling the legendary relationship between the great maestro and his musicians, was published. This was followed by a musical dictionary for students which appeared in 11 editions.

Coming to the orchestra's management at a time when Mravinsky — never the easiest of men to work with — was at the height of his powers, Fomin had responsibility for booking visiting conductors and soloists, the planning of repertoire and the overall artistic direction of the company. It is in no small part due to his unsung work that the orchestra today, now under the musical direction of Yuri Temirkanov, enjoys an international reputation accorded to few others in the former Soviet Union. Fomin also promoted both British artists and music in St Petersburg, inviting, among others, the conductors Sian Edwards, Martyn Brabbins and Andrew Constantine to conduct the Philharmonic.

His funeral was held in a packed Philharmonic Hall. It was a rarely seen gathering of the St Petersburg intelligentsia mourning a man who was soft, tolerant and mellow — a little like a character from a Chekhov play — but who had the foresight to know what was right for the orchestra and the determination to see his plans through.

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Mere figures will give little idea of the size of the Oceanic and, if they would, they have all been published before now. One look at her from the landing-stage at Liverpool, alongside which she lay, gives you an impression of magnitude not to be got otherwise. The bow towers above you: the stern is lost in the distance: the sides of the ship are like the walls of a city, and some new system of rivets makes them look as if armour-sheathed. It is nothing to say that she dwarfs other vessels; the others seem like toy ships beside her . . .

As you first enter the companion-way you have some difficulty in believing yourself on board a ship, so original is the treatment of it. The white and gold often seen in the saloon have been boldly transferred, but instead of being the main feature of the decoration they are but a framework to panelling of brilliant Indian red, with birds and flowers in gold, repeated above with the effect that a gallery seems to support the upper deck, but there is no gallery. From the upper companion-way you pass into the library, panelled in carved pale oak, with ceiling panels of white and gold; a fine room, but with the defect that it is made to serve as parlour, library, and writing room all in one, so that those difficult persons who desire to be quiet when they compose sea-letters to their friends at home must seek it in their staterooms. And there are but two writing tables, a deficiency which no doubt will presently be supplied. The smoking-room is again placed, as in the Teutonic, far aft on the deck above the saloon, instead of amidships on the promenade deck, for this quaint reason, that the profligate smoker prefers retirement, and on the promenade deck found himself subject to observation and even to visits from his womenkind as he smoked and drank and played poker and squandered his substance in pools. These vices he may practise on the Oceanic in safe, if ignoble isolation.

Defects? Oh, yes, necessarily; no ship is without them, and every new ship, though her gestation has been of years, has her share, some of which will disappear as the newness wears off . . . Is it, for instance, absolutely necessary to restrict the supply of water in the staterooms by the use of taps which require hard pressure, and with the best muscular effort emit but a trickle of this precious fluid? Need the hot water jugs be quite so small? Would another corner cupboard or two, or a few more books task the resources of the company? A clock here and there, especially in the companion-ways, would be useful. The ship is so vast that her bells cannot be heard everywhere, and it is not everybody who understands them when heard. A stateroom with three berths, and even with two, needs two washstand basins, which many of them have, but not all . . .

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Pensioner to pay for shooting burglar

■ A man aged 82 who shot a burglar who was trying to break into his allotment shed was ordered to pay him £4,000 damages. Ted Newbery, a former miner, had been sleeping in the shed to try to stop vandals destroying his allotment. He fired through a hole in the door when he heard voices outside ..... Page 1

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Tony Blair and David Blunkett, the shadow Education Secretary, are drawing up a new Labour education policy that will retain grant-maintained schools but restore a link with local education authorities ..... Page 2

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Russian troops massed on the borders of Chechenia as aircraft attacked Grozny ..... Page 14

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The German authorities freed Irmgard Möller, the unrepentant symbol of the country's left-wing terrorist movement ..... Page 15

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CHRIS HARRIS



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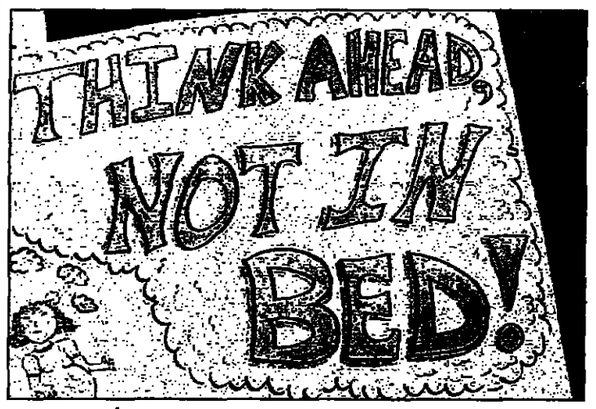
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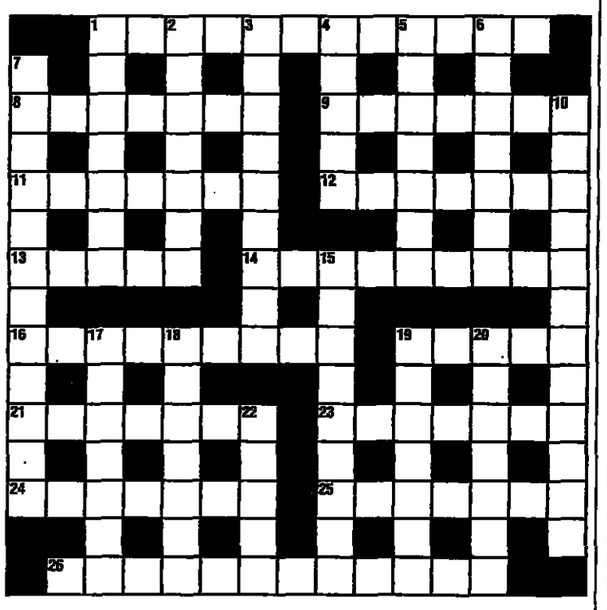
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1 Where cargo goes bottoms up (4,3,5).
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16 No fear of skirt being worn back to front, see (3,6).
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21 Firm had a man they kept under cover (7).
23 Back most of non-clerics to make a joke of marriage (7).
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25 Bill's American partner left Bill imprisoned (7).
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3 Conspicuous, being three foot high (2,3,4).
4 "Forty," said the Romans, "are outstandingly good" (5).
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Guernsey 14C (57F); lowest day max: Shoeadeam, Cumbria, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Strathclyde, 0.08in; highest sunshine: Kinloss, Grampian, and Guernsey 5.2hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Scotland will be cloudy at first, with mist in the east and patchy drizzle in the west. Rain spreading from the west.

Northern Ireland will be cloudy, with strong winds. Rain spreading from west. Clearer with showers later.

England and Wales will have a dull, misty start. Becoming brighter in the east. Later, cloud and rain will spread to many areas from the west.

☐ **London, SE, E England, E Anglia, E Midlands:** Overcast at first with mist or patchy fog. Brightening in morning. Bright or sunny intervals, then thicker cloud spreading from west. SE winds becoming fresh later. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Central S, NW England, W Midlands:** Cloudy and misty at first. Brighter interludes will be short-lived as thicker cloud spreads from west. Rain will follow from west later in the day. SE winds becoming fresh. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, Wales, Lakes, Isle of Man, SW Scotland:** Cloudy and misty. Thicker cloud and rain spreading from west in afternoon. Clearer with showers later. SE winds becoming strong for a time. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** Overcast and dull. Thicker cloud spreading from west with rain from late afternoon. SE wind becoming fresh or strong. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland:** Cloudy with some light rain or drizzle. Heavier rain later, followed by clearer, showery weather. SE winds will become strong with gales in exposed places. Max 10C (50f).

☐ **N Ireland:** Cloudy. Rain crossing from west. Brighter with showers in afternoon. Winds strong to near gale, southeasterly for a time. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Outlook:** unsettled. Windy with rain.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

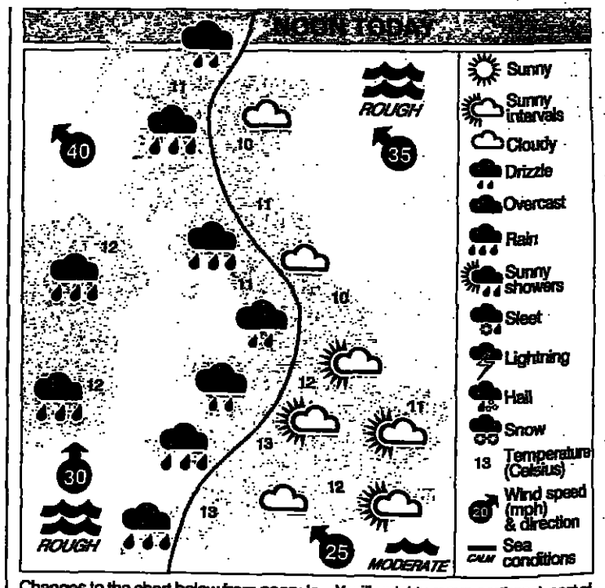
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Aberdeen	-	-	6	43	du	Littlehmptn	0.8	-	11	52	c
Anglesey	0.3	-	10	50	c	Liverpool	-	-	8	46	du
Aspatria	-	-	7	45	du	London	-	-	10	50	c
Aviemore	0.5	-	7	45	c	Lowestoft	-	-	9	48	c
Belfast	-	-	11	52	c	Manchester	-	-	7	45	c
Birmingham	-	-	7	45	c	Margate	-	-	9	48	du
Bognor R	0.2	-	11	52	c	Minehead	-	-	10	50	du
Bournem'th	-	-	11	52	c	Morecambe	-	-	8	46	du
Bristol	-	-	10	50	c	Newcastle	-	-	6	43	c
Buxton	-	-	5	41	du	Newquay	2.5	-	13	55	c
Cardiff	-	-	9	48	c	Norwich	-	-	9	48	c
Clacton	-	-	9	48	c	Nottingham	-	-	6	43	c
Cleethorpes	X					Oxford	-	-	9	48	du
Colwyn Bay	4.8	-	10	50	s	Penzance	-	-	13	55	c
Cromer	-	-	9	48	du	Plymouth	-	-	13	55	c
Doncaster	-	-	7	45	du	Poole	-	-	11	52	c
Dumbar	X					Prestatyn	X	-	9	48	s
Eastbourne	-	-	11	52	c	Ross-o-wye	-	-	9	48	c
Edinburgh	0.1	-	8	46	c	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	-	-	5	41	fg	Salcombe	X				
Exmouth	-	-	12	54	du	Sandown	-	-	11	52	c
Falmouth	X	-	13	55	c	Saunin Snd	-	-	11	52	c
Fishguard	0.3	-	9	48	c	Scarboro'	X				
Folkestone	-	-	9	48	du	Scilly Isles	-	-	12	54	du
Glasgow	-	-	8	46	du	Shanklin	-	-	11	52	c
Guernsey	5.2	-	14	57	s	Shrewsbury	-	-	8	46	c
Hastings	-	-	10	50	c	Skegness	-	-	9	48	c
Hayling I.	0.1	-	11	52	c	Southend	-	-	9	48	du
Herne Bay	-	-	8	46	du	Southsea	-	-	11	52	c
Hove	-	-	11	52	du	Stornoway	-	0.02	11	52	r
Hunstanton	X					Swanage	-	0.01	12	54	r
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	-	-	13	55	du
Isle of Man	-	-	10	50	c	Tenby	-	-	11	52	du
Jersey	2.0	-	13	55	b	Tiree	-	0.06	11	52	r
Kinloss	5.2	-	9	48	s	Torquay	-	-	13	55	c
Leeds	-	-	7	45	d	Ventnor	0.3	-	11	52	c
Lerwick	-	-	8	46	c	Weymouth	-	-	11	52	c
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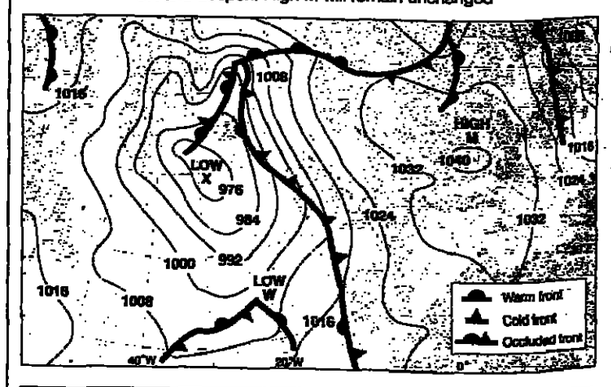
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Alex'dria	18	64	f	Dublin	11	52	d	Malta	19	66	f	S Frisco	12	54	s
Algiers	20	68	s	Dubrovnik	9	48	s	Malb'rne	15	59	s	Santiago	29	84	s
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Athens	8	46	c	Florence	8	48	s	Miami	29	84	f	Seoul	11	52	r
Bahrain	25	77	f	Frankfurt	3	37	c	Milan	8	46	c	Sing'por	28	73	r
Bangkok	27	81	f	Funchal	19	66	f	Montreal	-3	27	s	St'kholm	3	37	c
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	5	41	c	Moscow	-6	21	c	Streab'rg	4	39	c
Barcelona	18	61	f	Gibraltar	18	64	f	Munich	3	37	c	Sydney	17	63	c
Beirut	18	64	f	Helsinki	3	37	c	Nairobi	23	73	f	Tangier	21	70	s
Belgrade	3	37	c	Hong K	25	77	s	Naples	13	55	s	Tel Aviv	16	61	f
Berlin	4	39	s	Innsbruck	0	32	s	N Delhi	25	77	s	Tenerife	21	70	s
Bermuda	24	75	f	Istanbul	7	45	f	N York	11	52	s	Tokyo	15	59	s
Biarritz	18	64	s	Jeddah	27	81	s	Nice	14	57	s	Toronto	1	34	sn
Borde'x	11	52	c	Jo'burg	-	--		Oslo	-1	30	c	Tunis	18	64	f
Brussels	5	41	s	L Palmas	23	73	c	Paris	5	41	c	Valencia	18	64	c
Budapest	6	43	s	Le Tquet	6	41	f	Peking	4	39	s	Venc'ver	11	52	s
B Aires	28	82	s	Lisbon	14	57	f	Perth	23	73	c	Venice	7	45	f
Cairo	18	64	s	Locarno	6	43	s	Prague	3	37	f	Vienna	2	36	f
Cape Tn	23	73	s	L Angels	23	73	s	Reykjavik	-1	30	sn	Warsaw	-1	30	c
Chicago	-1	30	c	Luxembg	2	36	c	Rhodes	12	64	f	Wash'ton	12	54	s
Ch'church	27	81	s	Luxor	21	70	s	Rio de J	27	81	f	Wellington	16	61	c
Cologne	8	46	s	Madrid	12	54	s	Riyadh	23	73	f	Zurich	2	36	c

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

NOW TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: low X will quickly move northeast, east of Greenland, and gradually fill. Low W will move east and then north towards the UK and deepen. High M will remain unchanged



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.28	7.2	12.45	7.3	Liverpool	10.05	9.7	10.27	9.8
Aberdeen	-	-	12.26	4.5	Lowestoft	8.12	2.7	8.44	2.6
Avonmouth	6.05	13.4	6.30	13.7	Margate	11.00	4.9	11.31	4.9
Belfast	9.55	3.5	10.17	3.6	Milford Haven	5.05	7.1	5.28	7.2
Cardiff	5.50	12.32	6.14	12.52	Newquay	3.56	7.1	4.20	7.2
Devonport	4.41	5.5	5.04	5.5	Oban	4.43	4.0	4.59	4.1
Dover	9.52	6.8	10.18	6.8	Penzance	3.41	5.6	4.09	5.6
Falmouth	4.11	5.3	4.34	5.3	Portland	5.41	2.2	6.09	2.1
Glasgow	-	-	12.04	4.8	Portsmouth	10.15	5.0	10.40	4.9
Harwich	10.36	4.1	11.08	4.1	Shoreham	10.11	6.5	10.38	6.4
Holyhead	9.16	5.9	9.38	5.9	Southampton	9.41	4.8	10.05	4.6
Hull	5.03	7.45	5.33	7.54	Swansea	5.08	9.8	5.33	9.7
Ilfracombe	4.49	9.38	5.14	9.51	Tees	2.24	5.5	2.50	5.6
King's Lynn	5.02	6.9	5.36	6.8	W'ton-on-Nze	10.31	4.3	11.03	4.2
Leith	1.09	5.7	1.38	5.8					

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.45 am
Sun sets: 3.55 pm
Moon sets 3.45 pm
Moon rises 6.51 am
New Moon Today

London 3.55 pm to 7.46 am
Bristol 4.05 pm to 7.56 am
Edinburgh 3.43 pm to 8.22 am
Manchester 3.53 pm to 8.05 am
Penzance 4.22 pm to 8.02 am

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THE TIMES

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TONY WHITE



Lord Sheppard, left, GrandMet chairman, with George Bull, group chief executive, yesterday when pre-tax profits of £945 million were announced

Parcelforce job losses blamed on sell-off failure

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

POST Office leaders last night blamed the Government's abandonment of Post Office privatisation for the loss of 1,000 jobs in Parcelforce, the corporation's loss-making carrier subsidiary.

Postal union leaders criticised the Government for failing to give the Post Office greater commercial freedom to combat increasing business competition.

Bill Cockburn, Post Office chief executive, told leaders of postal trade unions that 1,000 jobs would be lost and working practices fundamentally revised in Parcelforce after the loss of a key contract to a commercial competitor.

White Arrow Express, part of the Great Universal Stores home shopping group, will today sign a contract with Reader's Digest, the magazine and book publisher, to transport bulk items, such as books.

The company won the five-year contract in competition with Parcelforce. The Post Office has been delivering Reader's Digest goods for more than 50 years.

Post Office managers accept that price was a factor in Parcelforce losing the deal, but added that because of the investment blight caused by the Government's two-year review of the PO's future, Parcelforce had been unable to bring in new handling technology which White Arrow had introduced over the past two years.

Mr Cockburn told the unions that the lost contract amounted to about 8 per cent of Parcelforce's business, and that, as a result of its loss, the business could not keep on 1,000 workers.

Leaders of the postal unions reacted angrily. The Union of Communication Workers said that the fault lay with the Government for failing to provide the commercial freedom for which the union, Post Office management, Labour and postal consumers had all been pressing.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3039.8	(-41.8)
Yield	4.24%	
FT-SE A All share	1511.21	(-16.91)
Nikkei	19013.60	(-82.02)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3723.75	(-15.48)*
S&P Composite	451.84	(-1.85)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5½%*	(5¾%)
Long Bond	93²⁸/₃₂*	(94⅛)
Yield	8.04%*	(8.01%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6⅛%	(6⅛%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	102¹⁶/₃₂	(103⁵/₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5650*	(1.5645)
London:		
$	1.5655	(1.5677)
DM	2.4648	(2.5477)
FFr	8.4345	(8.4310)
SFr	2.0829	(2.0767)
Yen	155.57	(155.03)
£ Index	80.4	(80.2)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5748*	(1.5700)
FFr	5.3945*	(5.3835)
SFr	1.3310*	(1.3272)
Yen	99.38*	(98.98)
$ Index	63.0	(63.0)

Tokyo close Yen 99.01

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Feb) $16.90 ($16.90)

GOLD

London close $380.15 ($383.05)

* denotes midday trading price

Mortgage lending by RBS tops £5bn

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ROYAL Bank of Scotland increased its mortgage lending by 24 per cent to more than £5 billion in the year to September 30, in what George Mathewson, the chief executive, described as a severely competitive market.

The strong mortgage sales, combined with a fall in bad debt provisions and good profits from its Direct Line telephone insurance subsidiary, helped the bank to more than double its pre-tax profits for the year to £532 million. This includes a £52 million exceptional profit from the sale of a 7 per cent stake in 3i and the £21 million cost of buying out the contract of Peter Wood, founder of Direct Line.

The dividend for the year has increased by 25 per cent for the second year running to 13.75p. The final payment, of 9.75p, will be paid on February 24.

The bank's 23,000 staff are to share in a £25 million profit-sharing scheme equivalent to 8.2 per cent of their salaries, or an average £1,087 each.

Bad debts and investment provisions fell from £293 million in 1993 to £187 million, provisions in branch banking fell to £145 million from £227 million.

The branch banking division increased profits by £70 million to £171 million. Corporate and institutional banking profits were up by 22 per cent to £159 million. Operations profits increased profits by 38 per cent to £44 million.

Direct Line contributed £110 million, compared with £50 million, and Citizens' profits were £68 million, up from £36 million.

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GrandMet wields jobs axe in revamp

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

A WIDE-RANGING corporate restructuring at Grand Metropolitan, the worldwide food and drinks group, will mean the loss of 2,600 jobs — 500 in the UK.

GrandMet used the occasion of its annual figures yesterday, which showed a downturn in profits at the drinks operation, owner of brands such as J&B Scotch, Smirnoff vodka and Bombay Gin, to spell out details of the restructuring. Earlier this autumn, it had given a warning to the market of the £280 million cost of restructuring, but had refused to put a number on the jobs to be lost.

Lord Sheppard, chairman, said that 1,500 of the jobs losses would come from IDV, the group's drinks business, and 900 from European food operations, with the rest from other businesses, such as the Burger King hamburger chain and headquarters staff. Of the UK job cuts, half will be at IDV itself. But Lord Sheppard refused to give further details as only half the 2,600 staff involved have so far been told they will lose their jobs.

GrandMet yesterday emphasised the strong cash flow achieved in the year to September 30. Free cash flow before dividends was the highest in the company's history, the chairman said, totalling £642 million and bringing to £1.1 billion cash generated over the past two years.

The group cut its debt, the size of which has at times worried the City, by £866 million to £2.1 billion. In addition, the forthcoming sale of ALPO, the pet food business and a financial restructuring at IEL, its pubs joint venture with Courage, will cut another £1 billion from borrowings, which would leave the group just 25 per cent geared.

While the group was not planning another bid of the size of the $5.5 billion spent on Pillsbury, the US food operation, in 1989, it would be looking for further acquisitions.

Gerald Corbett, the finance director, said: "Because of the cash flow and the strength of our financial position, we can clearly contemplate big add-ons, and we could spend up to £2 billion without affecting our credit rating."

The most likely areas for growth would be in America, and in food. While the group would be keen to add to its stable of well known drinks brands, most household names are already owned by the big players and there are significantly few opportunities coming to light on the world-wide drinks market.

GrandMet announced pre-tax profits — ahead of an exceptional charge that totalled £291 million after other items — of £945 million, an advance from £911 million last time after a previous restructuring programme cost £286 million.

But Lord Sheppard reassured investors that the company would not have to take a third hit and announce more widespread job cuts. "We have completed, or have provided for, all major restructuring projects," he said.

An 8.8p final dividend, paid on April 10, makes a total raised from 13.0p to 13.95p, a 7.3 per cent advance, paid out of earnings per share before exceptionals ahead 8.8 per cent to 32.2p.

Of GrandMet's three divisions, drinks was the only one to show a drop in operating profits, of £43 million to £520 million, as sales and consumption fell in markets in the developed world, especially the US.

The branded foods business gained £40 million to £267 million, while food retail, including Burger King, added £55 million to £230 million.

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Ushers calls time on market flotation

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE £120 million flotation of Ushers of Trowbridge Group, the first regional brewer to attempt entry to the stock market for some years, has had to be pulled the day that the company was due to announce pricing details.

"The unfavourable environment for new issues has prevailed," the company conceded, and the float would not take place "for the time being". Ushers, owner of Manns brown ale, was aiming to raise £50 million. More than 30 City institutions had said they were willing to put up cash, but the amounts being promised were significantly below the normal size of such investments, and indications were that only about three-quarters of the required money would be raised.

The float had attracted considerable City scepticism because of the difficult state of the regional pub and brewing market. There were also doubts expressed about the future of Ushers when an important brewing and racking agreement with one of the big names in the industry, Courage, runs out late in 1996. But sources close to the company claimed such scepticism had largely been allayed at institutional presentations.

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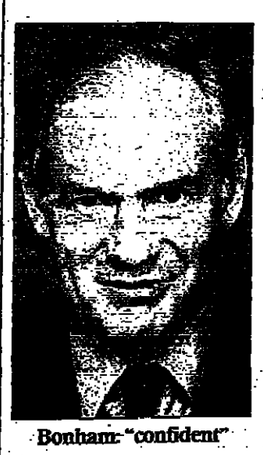
Electrifying

Seeboard, the south of England group, has started the reporting season for the 12 regional electricity companies in England and Wales with an electrifying 21 per cent rise in the half-way dividend and a £22 million package of rebates for its 2 million customers. Page 26, Pennington 27

Property blow

Shares in MEPC, the property investment group, fell sharply yesterday because of disappointment over a lower than expected property valuation which revealed just a 7 per cent increase to £3.3 billion. Page 31

Hanson seeking £2bn acquisition



Bonham: "confident"

BY NEIL BENNETT, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

HANSON, the Anglo-American industrial conglomerate, is looking to spend up to £2 billion on an acquisition, having cut its debt in the past year.

The group is also seeking more opportunities in China and the Far East, after its first two ventures there in cigarettes and gas meters. It is thought to be looking at ways to enter the region's big market for construction cranes.

The group yesterday announced a 32 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £1.35 billion for the year to September 30, spurred by the economic recovery on both sides of the Atlantic and a first-time contribution of £176 million from Quantum Chemical, the polyethylene manufacturer and propane distributor it bought for $3.2 billion last year. The group is lifting its dividend for the final quarter by 5 per cent to 3p, payable on January 6. The total for the year rises from 11.4p to 11.7p.

During the year, the group cut debts by more than £1 billion, to £2.3 billion. Much of the cash was raised through the disposal programme, which generated £945 million.

Derek Bonham, chief executive, said he was confident of further progress this year and the group was seeking acquisitions again. "With our balance sheet in better shape, we are in a position to make another big step forward," he said. Hanson is thought to be looking in both Britain and America for possible targets.

Most of Hanson's operations did better during the year. Peabody, the coal miner, benefited from the end of a strike, while ARC and Beazer USA, the aggregates businesses, raised prices. In China, its Imperial Tobacco subsidiary has signed an agreement with the China National Tobacco Company.

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Giordano turns up heat in gas pay row

BY JON ASHWORTH

LEVELS of boardroom pay came under fresh attack yesterday after the chairman of British Gas attempted to defend the massive salary rise awarded to Cedric Brown, the chief executive.

Richard Giordano described criticism of Mr Brown's 76 per cent pay increase as "unjustified and ill-informed" and attacked the press for its "emotive" reporting.

In a letter to the *Financial Times*, Mr Giordano said the rise was one of several one-off increases designed to bring levels of pay at British Gas in line with those at other top UK companies. Mr Brown, he said, had been the UK's most underpaid chief executive. His newly inflated salary "still places him well below the cash compensation earned by most executives holding comparable jobs in British industry, and below that of some chief executives leading smaller, less complicated and less challenging businesses."

Mr Giordano wrote "this was evidenced by the arrival of our new financial director on the board at a salary higher than Cedric's before these changes." Mr Brown's pay rise, however, was agreed in the spring and backdated to January and the new finance director joined in November on a £285,000 a year salary. Mr Brown's pay was increased from £270,000 to £475,000 under reforms initiated by Mr Giordano, who said that the increased levels of pay were in keeping with British Gas' standing as a "world-class" energy company. "Contrary to assumptions in the press, British Gas is not a cosy monopoly earning easy profits and high returns. Large parts of our revenue base are now unregulated and open to competition," he said.

Labour attacked what it described as the "executive pay scandal" and condemned the "utter hypocrisy" of Ministers who supported massive executive pay rises while opposing minimum wage standards for the rest of the population. Michael Portillo, Employment Secretary, said it was not for the Government to decide whether levels of boardroom pay were appropriate or not. Pressed about Mr Giordano's remarks, he said: "People need to be paid the rate for the job *vis-à-vis* the competition that they face."

Brian Wilson, Shadow Trade and Industry Minister, commenting on Mr Giordano's letter, said: "This confirms British Gas's promotion close to the top of the brass neck league. It also reminds us why decisions about massive salary increases in the public utilities cannot be left to a handful of self-interested individuals."



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Seeboard powers to dividend and rebate bonanza

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SEEBOARD has started the reporting season for the 12 regional power companies in England and Wales with an electrifying 21 per cent rise in the halfway dividend and a £22 million package of rebates for its two million customers.

The company has also indicated a further bonanza for its shareholders in the form of a demerger of the company's 7.3 per cent holding in the National Grid, the transmission system for electricity due for a stock market float next May.

The National Grid float and the resulting benefits to shareholders are threatening to spark a serious political row. The company's plans to demerge the Grid, therefore handing out free shares in that company to its shareholders in proportion to their existing holdings, depend on the successful outcome of negotiations on the float with the Government and the other 11 companies.

Sir Keith Stuart, the chairman, explained: "That depends on the overall terms, which would include the level of tax to be paid by the RECs and the level of customer benefits, which again would have to be paid by the companies."

The industry is expected to sweeten the Grid float by agreeing a package of measures to ensure its customers also benefit.

Seeboard's interim dividend of 4p is a rise of 21 per cent on last year's payment, to be paid on January 31 out of earnings per share before exceptionals that increased by 39 per cent to 14.1p. But the actual cost to the company will only increase by 17 per cent because Seeboard spent £58 million during the autumn buying back 5.3 per cent of its issued share capital on the stock market.

Seeboard saw pre-tax profits in the six months to September 30 fall from £36.3 million to £33.5 million, but this came after a £12.8 million exceptional charge from the cost of buying back government debt during the first half. This will cut interest costs in coming years.

The rise at the operating level was 21 per cent to £40.1 million, reflecting a 10 per cent rise in operating profits from the core distribution division, where units of electricity distributed rose on a like-for-like basis by 2.4 per cent.

Sir Keith said that the rise in dividends to shareholders was matched by a "pretty lively" approach to customer benefits. Seeboard is complying with the ruling from the electricity regulator last August to cut its prices in the 1995-96 financial year, reducing the quarterly standing charge by £2.50 to all domestic and business customers, at a cost to the company of £20 million.

In addition, the company is countering criticism of the windfall made by Seeboard and the other RECs from customers who pre-paid ahead of the imposition of VAT in April with a £1 rebate for every domestic customer. This reflects the interest made by the company on the money received early and will cost another £2 million.

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Oftel continues inquiry at BT

BY ERIC REGULY

OFTEL, the telecommunications regulator, said that British Telecom had provided it with insufficient information to determine whether the company's international data services division is guilty of anti-competitive practices.

Oftel will continue to probe BT Managed Network Services. Don Cruickshank, Oftel's Director-General, said: "I am disappointed that, after a lengthy investigation, the accounting methods used by BT mean that I am not able to reach a conclusion on allegations of anti-competitive practice by the company."

The investigation was launched in 1992 when Mercury Communications, among others, complained that BT was cross-subsidising BTMNS, allowing it to undercut its competitors by offering artificially low prices.

BT opened its books to independent auditors hired by Oftel but found BT's accounting too vague. BT, which always has denied the allegations, has agreed to provide Oftel with more information and will be making "certain improvements to its accounting disciplines".

A BT spokesman said the company will change its accounting to make it more detailed. The information will be given to Oftel over the next two years.

☐ BT, preparing to take advantage of deregulation of the Australia's telecommunications market in 1997, has signed a A$440 million partnership deal with the Australian government.



Ewen Macpherson, left, Sir George Russell and Brian Larcombe, finance director

3i increases investment

THE newly floated investment capital group, 3i, unveiled a 6.7 per cent increase in net asset value to 334p per share in the first half to September 30 (Patricia Tehan writes).

Sir George Russell, the chairman, described the increase as "a creditable performance", in view of the decline of most UK stock market indices during the period.

Shareholders' funds increased from £1.85 billion to £1.97 billion. Pre-tax profits were £42.2 million, compared with £37.6 million.

The interim dividend has been increased by 45 per cent to 2.8p a share, to be paid on January 31. Ewen Macpherson, the chief executive, said the bulk of the increase is as a result of its decision to bring forward 0.75p of the final payment in order to reduce the disparity between the interim and final payments.

Investment levels increased from £132.9 million to £246.2 million. Most of this, £230 million, was invested in 321 businesses in the UK, compared with £116 million in 245 firms in the same period last year.

3i also published its Enterprise Barometer of business confidence yesterday, which showed that for the third successive quarter, two thirds of firms sales and employment to increase.

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Lloyd's keen to settle, says Feltrim

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

DAMON de Laszlo, chairman of the Feltrim Names' Association, said Lloyd's of London wanted to settle the mass of legal actions being brought by more than 22,000 loss-making names.

Speaking at the association's annual meeting, Mr de Laszlo said he had met Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, on two occasions. "His view is that there has to be a settlement," he said. This is because the flood of litigation is damaging to Lloyd's, he added.

One name asked Mr de Laszlo whether he was aware that many names did not want a settlement under any circumstances. "We want to say: 'No compromise. No deal. See you in court'." Mr de Laszlo said he agreed with the sentiment but that names may have to negotiate a settlement.

The Feltrim Names' Association is presently in the High Court trying to win compensation for losses of £503 million suffered by 1,624 names as a result of the LMX spiral. The names are alleging negligence on the part of 54 Lloyd's agencies.

About 250 members of the association attended yesterday's meeting in London and were told that the group spent £1.25 million on legal fees since the end of March. There is a further £5.25 million available to fund the ongoing case and planned future actions.

Pension concession limited

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

BUDGET provisions allowing retired people to delay purchasing annuities from the proceeds of their pension plans up until the age of 75 emerged as another controversial measure last night.

At briefings, Sir George Young, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, admitted that the scheme was not intended to benefit those with pension plans taken out before 1988. These are the very people taking retirement now. The change will benefit people who will not be retiring until after the year 2000.

Those approaching retirement will be able to postpone purchase of an annuity until the most propitious time, when annuity rates are at their highest. At present, those who retire when annuity rates are low have no choice but to accept an annuity offering a reduced income.



Sir George: briefings

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BCCI liquidators hit payout snag in court

LIQUIDATORS of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International hit the first hurdle in their attempt to push through a $1.8 billion compensation deal agreed with the majority shareholders, the rulers of Abu Dhabi. Three parties objected in Luxembourg. The liquidators need approval from Luxembourg, English and Cayman Island courts.

Former employees of the bank urged the court to reject the deal "as it does not achieve the best possible results for the ordinary creditors as well as for former employees". Creditors' committees in all three countries have voted to accept it. They hope that if it is approved by the courts, the liquidators will pay an initial dividend of 20p in the pound by July 5. Three non-executive directors and IML, the Luxembourg monetary authority, also opposed the package. The court is due to give its ruling on January 12. The proposals are to be heard in the High Court on December 19 and in the Cayman Islands in January.

EU fraudsters targeted

EUROPEAN Union countries should make fraud against the EU a crime, justice ministers said, agreeing on a plan to be presented to EU leaders at a summit in Essen, Germany, next week. Calling on EU states to create punishments suitable to fit the crime, they said serious fraud should be regarded as "criminal and imprisonable". Currently, only four EU countries — Portugal, Italy, Germany and Belgium — have such laws, an EU official said. The move follows a European Court of Auditors report that found widespread misuse of funds and inefficiency last year.

Money laundering war

EXPERTS from 40 nations have recommended new measures to stifle money laundering in Russia and Eastern Europe, which have become targets for organised crime. Meeting at the Council of Europe, they said money laundering was a " pillage of national resources" threatening all societies. The UN estimates that $300 billion is illegally laundered worldwide each year, with large amounts passing through countries of the former Soviet bloc, which lack legislation to crack down. The experts called for legislation to ensure that money laundering could be punished as a crime.

Berisford sells Ketlon

BERISFORD International, the conglomerate that now owns the Magnet chain of retail outlets, has sold its automotive components subsidiary Ketlon (UK) to Unipart Industries, a division of the Unipart Group, for a cash consideration of £21.6 million. Berisford said the agreement was a continuation of the company's objective of disposing of non-strategic assets. Proceeds from the sale would be used to further strengthen the cash resources of its existing core businesses. In the year to September 30, Ketlon earned pre-tax profits of £381,000.

Interest shown in BSkyB

BSKYB, the satellite television service, announced yesterday that more than 300,000 people had registered an interest in the flotation of the company by Wednesday. Applications for the shares have to be received by 10 am on December 6. The minimum investment in the shares has been set at £500. The offer is open-priced, allowing investors to base their applications on the amount they wish to invest, rather than the number of shares. The price, expected to be between 233p and 268p, and the basis for allocation, will be announced on December 8.

Castrol expands in India

CASTROL, the lubricants group, said it was setting up a blending factory in India as part of expansion plans to meet increasing competition. The factory would be located in the West Indian town of Silvassa and would begin production in mid-1996. Madhukar Patwardhan, Castrol India chairman, said the factory would be the single largest producer of lubricants in India and the second largest in the Castrol group worldwide. Castrol India, he said, was spending $6.66 million modernising and upgrading its existing six factories to meet the growth in demand and competition.

Power role for Robinson

IAN Robinson is to be chief executive of ScottishPower. He will join the company early in the new year, succeeding Ian Preston, who will become deputy chairman until his retirement in July. Mr Robinson, 52, is currently a main board director of Trafalgar House and chairman and managing director of its engineering division. Murray Stuart, ScottishPower chairman, said: "He has a proven track record in running major businesses." Mr Robinson said he believed his new company had an outstanding future and he was looking forward to expanding the business.

VW studies 24-hour week

WORKERS at Volkswagen, the German automotive manufacturer, are considering a reduction in their working week to 24 hours, a workers' representative said. The cut in hours would probably be matched by a reduction in pay at VW, which is keen to find ways to spread out the work it has rather than simply dismiss staff when the going gets tough. VW has not yet commented on the workers' proposal. At present, VW employees work an average of 28.8 hours a week, down from 35 hours before recession struck last year.

Statoil steel order

BRITISH Steel is among the steelmakers contracted to supply a £749 million steel order to Statoil, the Norwegian state oil group, between 1996 and 2000, to extend Norway's North Sea pipeline network to 5,500 kilometres. Statoil, one of the sponsor companies of the planned first gas pipeline to link Britain to continental Europe, has agreed to buy a total of 1.5 million tonnes of steel. The company said that the order would be one of the biggest steel purchases in the world in the late 1990s.

Nuclear sell-off urged

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE man who pulled the planned privatisation of Britain's nuclear power plants five years ago is now calling on the Government to offer them for sale.

Lord Wakeham, who as Secretary of State for Energy, piloted the rest of the electricity industry into the private sector, said that there was now a strong case for following suit with Nuclear Electric, Scottish Nuclear, and BNFL, the atomic fuel and waste group.

His intervention, in a letter to Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, draws attention to the "considerable success" of the atomic generators in reducing their generating costs since 1989.

He said that new strategies for decommissioning and waste management had also served to reduce uncertainties about back-end costs.

However, Lord Wakeham added that the Government must be prepared to assume the risk associated with changes to decommissioning requirements.

"It is possible that we may need to devise a new body, or adapt an existing one, to take over all nuclear stations and other nuclear plant when they come to the decommissioning stage," he said. But funding would have to be provided by operators on a proper arms' length basis before they were handed over.

Lord Wakeham said that arrangements surrounding the nuclear levy, which collects £1 billion a year to pay for decommissioning through a levy on electricity bills, were inadequate.

He said that the Government should make a clear statement of its purpose and scope. He also insisted there was no case for state funding of nuclear power.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.15	1.98
Austria Sch	18.29	16.78
Belgium Fr	53.61	49.31
Canada $	2.263	2.103
Cyprus Cyp£	0.783	0.733
Denmark Kr	10.22	9.42
Finland Mkk	8.23	7.53
France Fr	8.92	8.22
Germany Dm	2.61	2.40
Greece Dr	400.00	375.00
Hong Kong $	12.76	11.76
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2625.00	2470.00
Japan Yen	169.50	153.50
Malta	0.620	0.565
Netherlds Gld	2.901	2.671
Norway Kr	11.27	10.47
Portugal Esc	262.00	249.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.30
Spain Pta	212.50	196.50
Sweden Kr	12.40	11.60
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☐ Laughing all the way for the banks ☐ Electric dividends still sparkle ☐ Fall of the house of Ushers

Embarrassment of riches

☐THE British banking industry may not be winning any new fans among its customers, but there is one audience it is pulling out all the stops to please: the shareholders. These lucky individuals, having suffered years of poor returns and regular rights issue demands, are suddenly being cossetted beyond their wildest dreams. Yesterday's 25 per cent dividend increase from the Royal Bank of Scotland was the latest goodie to be laid before them, a rise that looks almost vulgar against a background of low-inflation and slow recovery which the bank's corporate customers are struggling with.

The contrast with the start of the decade could not be starker. The banks were wrestling with each other to lend money to companies that often had higher credit ratings than theirs. Uncovered dividends were less an occasional neccesity, more often a way of life.

The banking industry can thank new technology for its revitalisation. The introduction of electronic processing has transformed its cost base. Under cover of the recession, the banks were shedding tens of thousands of staff and pushing their operating profits to record levels. Now that bad debts are falling that work is becoming visible on the bottom line.

Naturally the banks have so far not seen fit to alter their charging structure to match the reduction in their cost base. As a result, cash is pouring into their reserves, leaving them little choice but to distribute it among their owners. The Royal Bank's dividend increase may look overgenerous, but in truth it was perfectly prudent. Dividend cover was still 2.7 times and retained earnings leapt from £37 million to £221 million, enough to finance the £8 billion increase in the group's asset base and leave its capital adequacy ratios looking comfortable. In a low inflation environment, banks no longer need a high level of retained earnings to fund the inevitable growth in their lending.

The biggest problem for the bankers as they approach the middle of the decade will be what to do with this embarrassment of riches. Like their ancestors they can invest some in marble halls, oil paintings, and large dinners. But this will only consume a fraction. More likely they will be tempted, like their more recent predecessors, to go forth and seek out acquisitions. Lloyds, as usual, has set the trend by buying the Cheltenham & Gloucester, and it is unlikely to be the last high street bank to buy a building society.

Exasperated bank customers who fled to the building societies to escape high-handed behaviour and inefficient service may not be overpleased to be sucked back into the bank they just left. But there is some justice in the world. The banks may indeed recapture the customers they have lost by buying the building societies. But they will have to pay, so for once their wealth will be distributed more evenly.

Seeboard goes overboard

☐THE market has become *blasé* about the prospects from the regional electricity companies when a 21 per cent dividend increase and news of the free hand-out of £300 million-worth of shares prompts a penny off the share price.

In truth, a 21 per cent half-way dividend hike from Seeboard,



although it would be remarkable in virtually any other sector, is stale news for those who follow electricity.

The company last year ran at the top end of the pack in raising the total payout to shareholders by 17.5 per cent, but similarly juicy increases can be expected from the other 11 regional electricity companies in coming weeks.

More startling still, Seeboard was keen to stress that the 21 per cent rise included no element of rebalancing between the interim and final payments, which can only prompt the suspicion that a similar rise awaits shareholders at the year end.

The news came shortly after the regulator, Professor Stephen Littlechild, had made his own highly irregular forecast of real dividend growth from the industry he oversees of 6 to 9 per cent in coming years, a forecast that could prove distinctly conservative.

Seeboard has now gone further than most in indicating just how the National Grid will be floated next May, an open approach that will put pressure on the other RECs to clarify their own intentions. Its investors will get a Grid share for each of its shares they own, while the company takes the capital gains tax hit on the chin and hands out the shares in the Grid direct to its shareholders.

For the purposes of illustration only, this would suggest that if the Grid float leaves the RECs with a CGT charge of £1 billion-plus, about £750 million of this would be absorbed by the special dividend they would expect to be paid by the Grid as a way of injecting some debt.

The rest, and the £250 million of goodies for the customers which looks increasingly a political necessity, will be found by the industry, which would leave Seeboard itself with a bill in the region of £30 million to £40 million — the "modest cash outflow" mentioned yesterday.

Ushered off the City stage

☐THERE is a hideous inevitability about the collapse of the Ushers float. The problem for the City, despite the management's best efforts, was always the Courage gap.

The Ushers of Trowbridge brewery was bought out of GrandMet in 1991 and welded on to a chain of 433 Courage pubs. Of the 300,000 barrels produced, two thirds goes to Courage itself under a contract aimed at providing moral support in the early years that ends in November 1996, to be replaced with a deal to take rather less thereafter.

The Ushers management has aired grandiose plans to replace this lost demand with contracts to produce specialist beers for the big grocers, for example. But with a fifth or more of British brewing now standing idle, that is a classic buyers' market, and the supermarket chains have never been slow at playing one supplier off against another to achieve negligible margins.

There was in addition some City scepticism over the value of Ushers' tenanted estate, while regional brewers, for the above reasons and others, are hardly flavour of the month, as witness Lazards' failed attempt to float a £50 million specialist investment trust for the sector this autumn.

Driving the poor timing of Ushers' attempted market debut was the need to get the issue off the ground before the Courage gap loomed too near. More significant, however, was one of those complex ratchet systems that cut the proportion of the issue going to the management as time progresssed from the original buyout.

Payroll shadow

☐JAMES CAPEL's summing up of Tuesday's Kenneth Clarke show was that equity fundamentals remain largely unaffected. Unfortunately, the market's obsession with Wall Street remains similarly unaffected: witness yesterday's 41.8 drop in the FT-SE index. Capel's prediction was that US non-farm payroll data may outweigh the Budget speech. Beware, such data is due today.

BPB beats recession with £76m

By Philip Pangalos

JEAN-PIERRE Cuny, the new chief executive of BPB Industries, is confident on prospects after record plasterboard volumes, increased prices and improved productivity helped the group to a better-than-expected interim profits jump.

Cost-cutting and improved margins helped pre-tax profits at Europe's biggest plasterboard manufacturer to surge by 73 per cent to £76.1 million in the half year to September 30, on turnover ahead 9 per cent at £625 million.

Plasterboard prices have now recovered from the effects of recession and a vicious European price war. M Cuny, the Frenchman who in the summer became the inside successor to John Maxwell, said an improving economic environment helped volumes to overtake prices as the main force behind profit growth, while plasterboard prices have now stabilised. "The advance in profits is driven by volume recovery in most markets as far as construction is concerned."

M Cuny said the trend of rising volumes seen in Europe, Canada and South Africa had "gathered pace", with group plasterboard sales up by 12.5 per cent and building plasters also improving sales. Profits from Britain and France were "significantly higher", reflecting increasing activity in the new housing and renovation markets, boosting plasterboard volumes.

M Cuny said recovery was still restricted in some markets, but overall prospects were very good. "We are now in a fairly strong position, because our businesses are spread geographically," he added.

Alan Turner, chairman, said: "The outlook for plasterboard growth for the current year remains excellent, with UK and French construction activity increasing and continuing high demand in Germany. Further improvement is also expected in Canada and South Africa, and in the developing markets of the Mediterranean and Eastern Europe."

Plasterboard prices have now stabilised and the group expects to be able to effect a 6.5 per cent price rise in the UK next year and a 10 per cent increase in Germany.

Strong cash flow helped to trim borrowings in the six month period by £25.2 million to £116 million, bringing gearing down to 15.5 per cent, against 19.9 per cent at the end of March. Earnings jumped 73 per cent to 10.4p (6p) a share. The interim dividend is raised 10.7 per cent to 3.1p (2.8p) and will be paid on January 27.

Robert Donald, at NatWest Securities, has increased his current year pre-tax profits forecast to £160 million.

BPB shares bucked the market's negative trend with a 2p rise to 295p.


Cuny: confident

OECD 'will be more relevant'

By Colin Narbrough

JEAN-CLAUDE Paye, reappointed for just 18 months as secretary-general of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), said he was convinced he could use his fresh mandate to help make the think tank "even more relevant than it has been in the past".

In an interview only a day after the US and the European Union ended a bitter, 10-month dispute over the top post, M Paye, French head of the OECD for most of the past 10 years, said it had been changing more rapidly over the past five or six years than in the previous decades.

Despite the dispute that gave him a short term of office, instead of the usuaul five years, he said he did not believe problems of arriving at a consensus had damaged the organisation's reputation. On the contrary, he said the dispute was a sign that the 25 member countries recognised the OECD could play a growing role in a fast-changing world.

Caretaker at OECD, page 29

Shares in Anglian Group hit

By Sarah Bagnall

ANGLIAN Group, the double glazing company, saw its shares slide 25p to 175p yesterday on the news that full-year profits are unlikely to match those of last year.

David Herman, finance director, said that this reflected a lack of confidence among customers and sharp increases in raw material prices. "In October, polymer prices alone rose 20 per cent. Overall, raw material prices are escalating," he said.

The warning came as the group announced lower than expected profits for the 26 weeks to October 1. Pre-tax profits fell from £12.2 million to £10.1 million in spite of a rise in turnover from £84 million to £89.4 million. The interim dividend, to be paid on February 17, was held at 4.1p, payable out of earnings of 7.9p a share, down from 9.1p last time.

Group margins also suffered because of losses incurred by Status Innovations and Living Design, the company's two most recent acquisitions. Together, they made an operating loss of £251,000.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Share prices suffering as supermarket war grows

FAR from showing signs of abating, City investors fear that the food price war being waged among supermarket chains is intensifying.

This week's disappointing figures from Argyll, the Safeway supermarket group, have succeeded in reviving fears about the damage being done to sales and margins.

Food retailers have been underperforming the rest of the market for some time but as a clearer picture emerges of the winners and losers, some of the grocers may see their share prices come under further pressure.

Reports circulating in the Square Mile claim that Tesco has begun to benefit from an aggressive price cutting programme launched in the autumn which has seen it increase its market share. Word is that October was a good month for Tesco with sales up and market share growing to almost 20 per cent. The calculations do not include William Low, which it bought earlier this year, and believed to be fitting in well.

J. Sainsbury has been struggling while Argyll has actually seen sales decline as this week's figures revealed. Some brokers have even been suggesting that Argyll is now vulnerable to a bid. Meanwhile, a clear gap has emerged between the top three retailers and the rest of the sector made up of a slimmed-down Asda and the discounters.

Argyll was continuing to lose ground yesterday, falling 5p to 250p, while **Sainsbury** dropped 9p to 402p and **Tesco** fell 4p to 241p. **Asda** was 1p lighter at 65p, with **Kwik Save** 2p down at 556p and **William Morrison** 3p lower at 133p. **Iceland** fell 4p to 156p.

The rest of the equity market was left nursing sizeable falls as fears of another rise in domestic interest rates before the year end resurfaced. A futures-related sell-off paved the way for another depressing performance by the equity market which later had to contend with at least two big sell programmes carried out by UBS and Smith New Court, the brokers, swelling turnover to 657 million shares.

Evidence of further US inflationary pressures accompanied by an opening fall in the Dow Jones average left the FT-SE 100 index down 41.8 at 3,039.6 by the close.

T&N continued to reel from this week's decision to announce further provisions totalling £100 million, with the shares losing another 6p ar 160p. Institutional investors were continuing to switch out of the shares yesterday and into rival **GKN**, up 3p at 626p.

Seeboard slipped 2p to 423p as it kicked off the reporting season for the electricity distributors by announcing it plans to demerge its stake in the National Grid when shares in the power transmission company are floated off.

The news came as Seeboard weighed in with interim figures showing pre-tax profits up almost 30 per cent at £46.3 million accompanied by a 21 per cent rise in the dividend to 4p. The other RECs enjoyed modest support in the hope that Seeboard has set the pace for dividend payments. There were gains for **Eastern**, 3p to 805p, **London**, 7p to 699p, **Manweb**, 4p to 795p, **Norweb**, 7p to 805p, **Northern**, 5p to 843p, and **Yorkshire**, 5p to 735p.

Trading news from **Royal Bank of Scotland** left the shares 20p lower at 420p but this came as no surprise after disappointing figures from its Direct Line insurance subsidiary last week.

Hanson firmed 1p to 236½p after the City warmed to full-year figures showing pre-tax profits topping the £1 billion mark after a first-time contribution of £176 million from Quantum, its recent acquisition. But there was some disappointment in the dividend, up from 11.4p to 11.7p.

Grand Metropolitan finished 6p cheaper at 377p after reporting a rise of almost 4 per cent in pre-tax profits last year at £945 million. This was struck before exceptional charges of £291 million most of which related to restructuring of its IDV and European food divisions.

But full-year figures from **MEPC**, the property developer, failed to impress the market. Pre-tax profits were up from £81 million to £111 million but a rise of less than 14 per cent in the net asset value to 473p fell short of expectations. The group blamed a levelling off of property values in the past six months. The shares finished the day 18p lower at 385p.

Disappointing trading statements also left **AAH** 18p lower at 336p. **Anglian Group** 25p down at 175p and **Barlo Group** 19p down at 45p.

Kiln Capital found the going difficult on the first day of trading in the shares. Offered at 100p, the price touched 103p before closing all-square at 100p in thin trading that saw only 162,500 shares change hands.

British Vita, the polymers group, firmed 3p to 227p in further response to last week's visit by institutional investors. A party of 16 fund managers took the Eurostar to Paris to for a rundown of the group's French operations. The shares are recovering after the recent profits warning.

□ **GILT-EDGED** fluctuated in narrow limits for much of the day. Prices proved resilient to the latest inflationary news from the US where the latest figures from the National Association of Purchasing Managers revealed a larger than expected rise.

In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt finished £⅛ lower at £102 7/32, as 36,000 contracts were completed compared with 31,000 contracts for the December series.

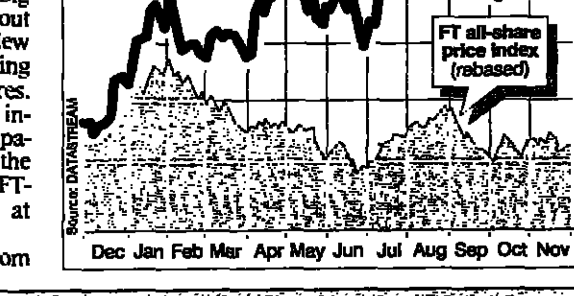
In the cash market, index-linked issues came under pressure, suffering falls stretching to £¼, while at the longer end of the conventionals, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 firmed a couple of ticks to £105½. In shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was unchanged at £103 25/32.

□ **NEW YORK**: Wall Street blue chips stayed steady at lower levels after the major sell-off earlier in the week. By midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 15.48 points at 3,723.75.



Price cuts are helping customers but hurting supermarkets

THE reconstruction of Mosaic Investments, up 3p to 27p, appears to have been completed with the sale of the three businesses that make up its packaging division. David Williams, the chairman, can look to the future with £7.5 million in the bank, worth 20p a share, and assets of £15 million, equal to 40p a share.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3723.75 (-15.48)
S&P Composite .... 451.84 (-1.85)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 19013.60 (-62.02)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 8430.80 (-35.46)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 408.18 (-1.22)

Sydney:
AO .... 1900.4 (+9.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2046.59 (-1.67)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2229.35 (-12.74)

Brussels:
General .... 7268.82 (+8.40)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1963.95 (-11.99)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 644.50 (-3.50)

London:

FT 30	2340.6 (-24.7)
FT 100	3039.6 (-41.8)
FT-SE Mid 250	3477.1 (-20.2)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1344.45 (+2.50)
FT A All-Share	1511.21 (-16.91)
FT Non Financials	1633.24 (-15.84)
FT Gold Mines	226.7 (-4.6)
FT Fixed Interest	109.36 (+0.22)
FT Govt Secs	92.33 (+0.27)
Bargains	18530
SEAQ Volume	657.2m
USM (Datastrm)	153.34 (-0.13)
US$	1.5673 (+0.0020)
German Mark	2.4638 (+0.0063)
Exchange Index	80.4 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2857
£:SDR	1.0726
RPI	145.2 Oct (2.4%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust Latin Am	84	...
Abtrust Latin Wts	48	...
Adare Prntg	194	...
Ashbourne (150)	151	...
Asset Mngmnt Inv (100)	93	...
Asset Mngmnt Wts	35	...
Churchill China (280)	285	...
Euclidian (100)	102	...
Eurovein (141)	143	...
Fidelity Spec V Uts	482	-5
Finsbry Sml Cos C (100)	101	...
First Russ Front ($10)	625	...
First Russ Wts	275	...
Fleming Nat Res (100)	92	...
Fleming Nat Res Wts	14	...
For & Col Emrg C (100)	104½	+½
H Gov 1000 Inv (100)	102	...
Hydro International (80)	83	...
INVESCO Korea C	97	...
JJB Sports (215)	231	...
Kiln Capital (100)	100	...
Mathsn Llyds Inv (100)	84	...
Mathsn Llyds Wts	22	...
SeaPerfect (120)	140	-1
TLG (115)	134	+1½
Tele-Cine Cell (170)	165	...
Telewest Comms (182)	184½	-3½
Wellington Under (100)	102	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Apollo Metals n/p (77)	2	...
Laird Group n/p (295)	46	+2
OMI n/p (37)	2	-1
Pressac n/p (85)	5	...
Seton Health n/p (285)	36	-2

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Wolstenholme R .... 798p (+13p)
Broken Hill .... 936p (+17p)
Alba .... 192p (+10p)

FALLS:
HSBC .... 699p (-18p)
Bass .... 518p (-10p)
Amersham .... 865p (-14p)
AAH .... 336p (-48p)
Wolseley .... 748p (-17p)
BAT .... 437p (-10p)
Booker .... 403p (-11p)

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TEMPUS

Isn't life Grand?

GRAND Metropolitan's accounting tactics have often stirred up heated debate, and no matter how conservative it tries to be with its bottom line these days, it still throws in a couple of items whose presence is debatable.

This time, the group revealed that it included the sale of Burger King restaurants to franchisees in its operating profits. At £64 million, these accounted for more than a quarter of Burger King's profits this year, and without the £38 million increase, the group's pre-tax profits would have been £9 million lower rather than £29 million higher. GrandMet insists that these disposals are a trading item since they happen every year, but the effects of most other disposals are shuffled off into the long list of exceptional items.

It is also questionable whether the £17 million compensation the group received for the loss of the distribution rights for Absolut vodka were also a trading item. Without this, the fall in profits from IDV would have been 11 per cent, rather than the 7 per cent shown. These niggles should not detract from GrandMet's real achievement in the past two years in reducing its debts. While gearing figures for GrandMet are meaningless, since its balance sheet is stuffed with intangible assets, debts should soon be down to around £1 billion, which is low by any reckoning. The group has considerable scope for acquisitions, probably in the US food industry, although hopefully it has become too conservative to mortgage its future on another mega-deal.

The group still has weak points: the return on the £800 million tied up in European food, Inntrepreneur and Pearle is less than 3 per cent. IDV faces another difficult year in an American spirits market that is showing no growth. But now GrandMet has defeated the dragon of high borrowings it should allow the City to appreciate the quality of its businesses, however the group's accountants choose to present their figures.

Hanson

THE basic laws of investment seem to be back in order now that Hanson's earnings progression is moving in the right direction again. William Landuyt, finance director, did his best to play down the recovery by stripping every non-comparable item out of the figures to show earnings per share growth of only 2 per cent. The group deserves better, since the acquisition of Quantum last year now looks little short of inspired, coming at the precise nadir of the chemical cycle.

Hanson's shares have largely failed to respond to the group's recovery since it is over-exposed to cyclical, natural resources businesses. Certainly, the cycle is proving Hanson's friend at present, as volumes and prices in aggregates, chemicals, timber and bricks are all rising. But stock markets are already beginning to discount the next downturn and Hanson is an obvious casualty. Derek Bonham, chief executive, can answer these criticisms with the next large acquisition he is promising. If he manages to find a large manufacturing or engineering business he could use it as a platform to improve group margins.

The chance of a deal was probably one reason the group pegged its dividend, since cover is still thin. But Hanson has never failed to reward its investors, and the premium yield of 6.3 per cent could rise even further within the year as symbol of the group's faith in the future.



MEPC

THE market's negative reaction to MEPC's annual revaluation had the same air of naive incredulity as the suprised reaction to the profit warning earlier this month at Land Securities. Hopes that MEPC would benefit from the bullish investment market last winter and in the early spring failed to take into account the setback caused by the steady rise in long-term cost of borrowing and the still poor outlook for rental growth.

Real long-term rates of 7 per cent, after deducting inflation, combined with static rents leave investors with little incentive to buy. The huge interest in retail warehousing — the only sector showing significant rental growth — has caused yields in that sector to shrink to as little as 6 per cent but only highlights the poor attractions of offices where MEPC has over half of its assets.

Outside the UK, prospects look better; MEPC appears to have got its timing right overseas, spending heavily last year in America and Australia, which is experiencing an astonishing 6 per cent growth in GDP. After yesterday's setback, MEPC shares are on a discount of about 22 per cent to forecast NAV, about average for the sector, and are well supported by a 6.4 per cent yield. There is no reason to chase the shares but with dull prospects for the UK property market, MEPC looks a better bet today than rivals like Land Securities with no exposure to bullish markets abroad.

3i Group

THERE can be few companies which had a better Budget than 3i Group. Not only did the changes in the rules on personal equity plans finally allow investors to put 3i shares in their Peps, but the new venture capital trusts that the Chancellor is proposing seem a natural opportunity for the company.

It is not only the Treasury's fulminations that are working in 3i's favour at present. The revival in the economy has had a dramatic impact on the values of the small and medium-sized businesses in which 3i invests, and the 6.7 per cent rise in net assets compares very favourably with the current performance of the general investment trust sector. 3i is now seeing a surge in demand for investment which should keep its growth moving. The share price, at NAV, looks demanding for an investment trust, but if 3i continues to turn in similar performances, it could soon trade at a premium.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	928-927	Mar	993-992
Mar	934-933	May	1005-996
May	939-938	Jul	1018-1012
Jul	951-950	Sep	1030-1025
Sep	958-957		
Dec	978-976		Volume: 11453

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	2925-2920	Sep	2800-2795
Mar	2870-2866	Nov	2790-2770
May	2840-2835	Jan	2780-2760
Jul	2825-2810		Volume: 3598

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	357.3-55.5
Spot: 417.50		Dec	353.8-50.6
Mar	405.0-04.0	Mar	352.8-49.1
May	398.0-97.0	May	352.2-47.1
Aug	388.0-87.0		Volume: 3264

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(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	80.55	111.61	117.65
(+/-)	+2.19	+5.73	+1.65
Eng/Wales:	80.55	112.51	116.67
(+/-)	+2.19	+6.26	+1.75
(%)	same	-16.0	+1.0
Scotland:	unq	109.17	123.89
(+/-)	—	+4.66	+1.63
(%)	—	+15.0	-8.0

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CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.00	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Jan)	17.10	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Feb)	16.90	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	18.00	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	17.95	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	B:	O:
Premium Gas .15	167 (+2)	169 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	148 (n/c)	149 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jan	150 (-1)	153 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Feb	153 (n/c)	155 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	97 (n/c)	98 (-1)
Naphtha	180 (n/c)	182 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Dec	147.25-47.50	Mar	153.25-53.50
Jan	150.00 BID	Apr	153.00-53.25
Feb	152.00-52.25		Vol: 17990

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	17.09-17.10	Apr	16.72-16.74
Feb	16.92-16.93	May	16.68-16.72
Mar	16.76-16.80		Vol: 15432

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	105.75	Jan	102.50
Mar	106.80	Mar	104.50
May	108.75	May	106.50
Jul	110.65	Sep	94.00
Sep	95.25	Nov	95.00
Volume: 463		Volume: 10	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	unq
Apr	260.0	266.80
May	unq	282.50
		Volume: 130

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)
Jan 86.25-86.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Dec 94	2005	2003	2003
Jan 95	1955	1936	1955
Feb 95	1920	1915	1920
Apr 95	1842	1820	1838

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2940.0-2941.0	2905.0-2906.0	3738775
Lead ($/tonne)	630.50-631.00	647.50-648.50	229075
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1118.5-1119.0	1147.0-1148.0	568875
Tin ($/tonne)	6040.0-6050.0	6130.0-6131.0	29095
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1905.0-1906.0	1929.0-1929.5	2207650
Nickel ($/tonne)	8025.0-8035.0	8150.0-8160.0	105606

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Dom.	500	48½	56	63½	3½	8	15
(*548)	550	13½	25½	34	21½	27½	38
Argyll	240	14	21½	26	6	12½	17
(*250)	260	5	12½	17	18½	23	28½
ASDA	60	7	8½	10	1½	2½	4
(*65)	70	2	3½	5	6½	8	9
Boots	460	39	51½	58½	3	8	14
(*493)	500	14	27	34½	17	23½	31½
Br Airways	360	20½	33	40½	9	16	23½
(*370)	390	7	19	26½	25	32	40
BP	420	15	24½	32½	13	18½	25½
(*420)	460	3	9½	16½	41	44½	49½
Br Steel	140	19	23½	26½	1	3	5½
(*157)	160	5½	11½	15	7½	11	13½
C & W	360	24½	37	45	7½	15½	22½
(*377½)	390	9½	22	30	22½	30½	37½
CU	493	38	44½	—	5	17½	—
(*523)	543	10½	18½	—	27½	45	—
ICI	750	30½	44½	56½	16	38	44½
(*758½)	800	9½	22½	35	47	68½	74
Kingfishr.	420	46	55½	61½	2½	9	16½
(*459½)	460	19½	31½	37½	15	24	33½
Land Sec	550	34	46	53½	4	10½	19½
(*576)	600	7	19	25½	27½	32½	45½
M & S	390	19	28	36	6½	11½	17½
(*399½)	420	5½	13½	21	23½	26½	33
Nat West	500	29	41	49½	10½	27½	33
(*514)	550	7½	18½	29½	39½	57½	62½
Sainsbury	390	22½	34½	41½	8	15	23
(*401½)	420	8	19½	26½	24	30½	39
Shell	700	22½	33½	42	13	28½	32½
(*704)	750	4½	12½	21	47	60½	63½
Smkl Bch.	420	18	30	37½	11	21½	28
(*423½)	460	4½	13½	21	39	45½	51½
Storehse	200	20	24	28½	2½	4½	7½
(*219)	220	6½	12½	17	9½	12½	17
Trafalgar	70	9½	11½	15	1	3	4
(*79)	80	3½	5½	9½	4½	6½	8½
Unilever.	1100	39	60	73½	16	37	49
(*1113½)	1150	16	35½	50	43½	65	76½
Zeneca	800	50½	65½	76½	9	26½	34½
(*836½)	850	20½	37½	50	29½	51	59

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Grnd Met.	360	27	34½	40	11½	16	23
(*377½)	390	12	20½	26	28	32½	38
Ladbroke	140	19½	25½	26	2½	6½	7½
(*156)	160	7½	12	16	10	16	16½
Utd Bisc	300	24½	30½	34½	4½	13½	16½
(*316)	330	8½	14½	20	19	30½	33

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
BAA	475	28½	40½	—	4½	9½	—
(*496½)	500	13	25½	32½	14½	19½	25½
Thames W	460	36½	50½	57½	4½	10½	19½
(*489)	500	12½	26½	35	19½	27½	39½

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAT Ind	420	32½	39½	43½	10	24	28½
(*436½)	460	13	19½	24½	31	47	51
BTR	280	15	18	24	10	17½	20
(*281½)	300	6½	10	16	22	30	32
Br Aero	409	45	56	—	9½	20½	—
(*439½)	448	22½	36½	—	27	39	—
Br Telcm.	360	20½	29	35	8½	13	18½
(*376)	390	7½	14½	20½	25½	29	35
Cadbury	420	22	29	35½	10	20½	24½
(*427)	460	6½	12½	18½	35	46	49
Guinness	420	40½	46	51	3½	10	14
(*451½)	460	14½	21½	29	17	27½	32½
GEC	260	16½	23	29	5	8	13
(*272)	280	6½	13	17	15	18	23½
Hanson	220	19	22	24½	3½	7½	11
(*237)	240	7½	11½	14½	12	16½	20½
LASMO	140	12	17	20	4½	7½	8
(*147)	160	4	8	11	15½	18½	19
Lucas	200	15	20	24½	7	12	14½
(*205½)	220	6	11	15½	18½	23	25½
Pilkingtn.	160	9½	14½	16½	5	7	9½
(*164½)	180	2	6	8	18	19	21
Prudential	300	23½	28½	32½	7	15	17½
(*314)	330	8½	13½	19½	22	32	34½
Redland	460	26	34½	39½	16	31	36
(*465)	500	10	17½	23	40	57½	61
R-Royce	160	20	23½	27	2½	6	8½
(*176)	180	7½	12	16	10	15	17½
Tesco	240	11½	20	22	7½	14	16½
(*241)	260	4	10½	13	20½	25½	28
Vodafone	200	11	17	21½	9½	13	16
(*200)	217	4½	—	—	19½	—	—
Williams	330	28	36	39	4	11½	13
(*350)	360	10½	19	23½	16½	26½	27½

FT-SE INDEX (*3038½)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Dec	153½	110½	72½	41	20½	9½
Jan	187	151	118½	87½	61½	40
Feb	207½	171	140	111	85½	63½
Mar	217	182½	153	124	102½	81½
Jun	253½	—	193½	—	140½	—
Puts						
Dec	9	16½	30½	51	83	124
Jan	35	49½	68	88	115	145
Feb	48½	63	82½	103½	130	158½
Mar	64½	80	100	121½	149½	179
Jun	87½	—	125½	—	174	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat.	390	23½	34½	39½	2½	13	19½
(*410)	420	6	17½	24	14½	28½	35½
Amstrad	125	18	22	26	0	3	6
(*142½)	150	2	8½	13½	9	14½	17½
Barclays	550	51½	65	72½	0½	12	18
(*598½)	600	14	32	43½	13	32	39½
Blue Circ.	300	9	21½	26	7	14½	22½
(*301)	330	1	9	13½	29	33½	41
Br Gas	300	9½	20½	26½	4	11	18
(*305½)	330	0½	7½	13	24½	28½	36
Dixons	180	7½	14	19½	5	10½	15½
(*182)	200	1	6	11½	18½	23	27½
Forte	220	15	22	26½	1½	5½	11
(*233½)	240	2½	11	16	9½	14½	21
Hillsdwn	160	9½	10½	14	3	6	12
(*161½)	180	0½	3	6	18½	19	26
Lonrho	140	17½	20½	25	0½	3½	6½
(*156½)	160	4	9	14	7	12½	15
Sears	100	6½	10½	12½	1	3½	5½
(*105)	110	1½	6	7½	6	8½	11
Thrn Emi.	950	49½	65½	89	5	18	26½
(*994)	1000	14½	36½	58½	26	39½	48
Tomkins	200	18½	23	29	0½	5	8
(*217)	220	4½	11½	18	7	13½	16½
TSB	220	8½	15	19	3½	12½	15
(*224)	240	1	6½	11	16½	25	27½
Wellcome.	650	27	51½	67½	11½	29½	45½
(*663½)	700	6	29	44½	41	57	72½

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Glaxo	600	33	47½	60½	16½	34	41
(*611)	650	11½	26	38½	46	63	69½
HSBC	650	61	76½	84	8½	20½	34½
(*698½)	700	29	47½	57	25½	50	58½
Reuter	460	36½	48	57	5	15½	20
(*488½)	500	14½	26	35½	21½	34	39

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Jul	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Jul
Royal Ins.	280	20	26½	31	12	19	21
(*289)	300	11½	17½	22½	23	30½	32½

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Fisons	110	9½	16½	18½	2	6	8
(*117½)	120	4	12	13½	6½	10½	13

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastern Gp	800	40	64½	70½	34½	48½	58½
(*805)	850	19½	42½	48½	64½	77	87½

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Natl Pwr	460	35½	48½	60½	1½	9½	17½
(*492½)	500	8	25	37½	14	24½	35½
Scot Pwr	330	29½	36½	46½	1½	10½	16
(*356½)	360	9	19½	30½	11½	23½	29½

December 1, 1994 Tot: 32798 Call: 16734 Put: 16064 FT-SE Call: 9846 Put: 11210
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3083.0	3084.0	3034.0	3041.0	14191
Previous open interest: 61569	Mar 95	3093.5	3093.5	3055.0	3056.0	1016
FT-SE 250	Dec 94	3490.0	3490.0	3480.0	3480.0	40
Previous open interest: 5350	*Mar 95*				*3515.0*	*0*
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.65	93.65	93.57	93.59	22073
Previous open interest: 510181	Mar 95	92.92	92.92	92.81	92.82	35081
	Jun 95	92.32	92.32	92.22	92.24	7863
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94				93.70	0
Previous open interest: 4650	Mar 95				93.01	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.75	94.76	94.73	94.75	9337
Previous open interest: 734190	Mar 95	94.67	94.68	94.64	94.66	17091
Long Gilt	Dec 94	103-06	103-09	102-30	102-30	31346
Previous open interest: 138985	Mar 95	102-14	102-17	102-06	102-07	36492
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	108.89	108.89	108.84	108.85	319
	Mar 95	108.18	108.19	108.11	108.15	2214
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	91.30	91.42	91.11	91.15	124019
Previous open interest: 204817	Mar 95	90.53	90.75	90.38	90.49	27351
Three month ECU	Dec 94	94.00	94.01	93.98	93.99	375
Previous open interest: 24635	Mar 95	93.76	93.77	93.73	93.75	700
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.92	95.92	95.88	95.91	1879
Previous open interest: 48100	Mar 95	95.65	95.66	95.57	95.61	2110
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	102.00	102.15	101.80	101.91	36059
Previous open interest: 59392	Mar 95	100.90	101.05	100.66	100.78	14740

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6¾
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5 Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth 5 15/16. Sell: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth: 5 15/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¾-5¾	5 29/32-5 27/32	6⅛-5 31/32	6⅜-6¼	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¾-5¾	6-5 15/16	6⅜-6¼	6 11/16-6⅝	7⅝-7 9/16
Interbank:	5¾-5¾	6-5 29/32	6¼-6⅛	6 11/16-6⅝	7⅝-7 9/16

Overnight: open 5¾, close 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6¼	n/a	6½	6¾	7¼
Sterling CDs:	5 25/32-5 23/32	5 31/32-5⅞	6⅛-6	6 11/16-6 9/16	7½-7 7/16
Dollar CDs:	5.98	n/a	6.14	6.54	7.14
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5¾	6-5 29/32	6¼-6⅛	6¾-6½	7¼-7⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Nov 30, 1994 Agreed rates Dec 26, 1994 to Jan 24, 1995 Scheme III: 7.39%. Reference rate Nov 1, 1994 to Nov 30, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 6.107%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	6⅛-5 15/16	6¼-6	6½-6⅜	5¼-4¾
Deutschemark:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	5-4
French Franc:	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	5 15/16-5 13/16	5¼-4¾
Swiss Franc:	3 15/16-3 13/16	3 15/16-3 13/16	4⅛-3 15/16	4¼-4⅛	4¼-3¼
Yen:	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2½-2⅜	2½-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $381.20-381.60 Close: $379.90-380.40 High: $381.20-381.60 Low: $378.60-379.10 AM: $381.20 PM: $380.10
Krugerrand: $379.50-381.50 (£242.25-244.25)
Platinum: $402.00 (£256.15) **Silver:** $4.91 (£3.135) **Palladium:** $152.00 (£96.85)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Dec 1	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7500-2.7632	2.7556-2.7590	⅛pr-par	⅜-¼pr
Brussels	50.50-50.70	50.59-50.70	5-1pr	15-8pr
Copenhagen	9.6090-9.6560	9.6340-9.6490	⅛-⅛pr	⅜-⅛pr
Dublin	1.0175-1.0215	1.0180-1.0208	3pr-par	10-5pr
Frankfurt	2.4567-2.4681	2.4629-2.4662	¼pr-par	⅝-½pr
Lisbon	250.90-252.30	251.57-252.21	81-89ds	239-256ds
Madrid	204.68-205.97	205.64-205.93	30-37ds	82-98ds
Milan	2522.80-2537.20	2529.80-2532.30	5-7ds	14-17ds
Montreal	2.1512-2.1588	2.1512-2.1542	0.09-0.01pr	0.13-0.02pr
New York	1.5650-1.5700	1.5650-1.5660	0.04-0.06ds	0.01-0.03ds
Oslo	10.6830-10.7390	10.7110-10.7260	par-⅛ds	⅛-⅜ds
Paris	8.4180-8.4620	8.4380-8.4520	¼-⅛pr	1¼-1pr
Stockholm	11.7790-11.8380	11.8070-11.8320	1½-2⅛ds	4⅝-6⅛ds
Tokyo	155.05-155.83	155.43-155.70	⅝-⅛pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.29-17.38	17.34-17.37	1¼-⅛pr	6¼-4¼pr
Zurich	2.0772-2.0866	2.0814-2.0844	⅝-⅛pr	1¼-1pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3014-1.3022
Austria	*11.05-11.06*
Belgium (Com)	32.29-30.30
Canada	1.3742-1.3747
Denmark	6.1440-6.1470
France	5.3865-5.3875
Germany	1.5706-1.5711
Hong Kong	7.7332-7.7342
Ireland	1.5400-1.5409
Italy	1615.50-1615.70
Japan	*99.14-99.19*
Malaysia	2.5563-2.5573
Netherlands	1.7586-1.7591
Norway	6.8320-6.8340
Portugal	160.50-160.60
Singapore	1.4633-1.4643
Spain	131.02-131.12
Sweden	7.5232-7.5332
Switzerland	1.3275-1.3285

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5672-1.5698
Australia dollar	2.0430-2.0440
Bahrain dinar	0.585-0.597
Brazil real*	1.3209-1.3250
Cyprus pound	0.7425-0.7525
Finland markka	7.557-7.673
Greece drachma	373.50-382.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.1357-12.1411
India rupee	48.72-49.68
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4645-0.4745
Malaysia ringgit	4.0116-4.0144
Mexico peso	5.33-5.43
New Zealand dollar	2.4894-2.4921
Pakistan rupee	47.63 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	*5.817-5.943*
Singapore dollar	2.2964-2.2987
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4923-6.5436
S Africa rand (com)	5.5773-5.5856
U A E dirham	5.6955-5.8195

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	265	Legal & Gn	1,300
ASDA Gp	5,600	Lloyds Bk	5,200
Abbey Natl	1,100	MEPC	3,100
Alld Dom	3,400	Marks Spr	4,500
Argyll Gp	5,500	NatWst Bk	6,400
Arjo Wiggn	2,800	Nat Power	3,200
AB Foods	114	Nth Wst W	1,300
BAA	712	P & O	3,200
BAT Inds	3,700	Pearson	5,000
BOC	1,400	PowerGen	2,100
BP	7,100	Prudential	1,900
BTR	6,900	RMC	596
BT	7,300	RTZ	2,400
Bk of Scot	1,200	Rank Org	4,500
Barclays	4,800	Reckitt Col	2,100
Bass	2,900	Redland	491
Blue Circle	1,300	Reed Intl	671
Boots	2,200	Rentokil	1,600
Bowater	1,300	Reuters	2,500
Brit Aero	1,200	Rolls Royce	5,500
Brit Airwys	1,600	Ryl Ins	3,600
Brit Gas	*14,000*	*Ryl Bk Scot*	*9,300*
Brit Steel	13,000	Sainsbury	2,300
Burmah Cstl	602	Schroders	35
Cable Wire	5,900	Scot & New	1,300
Cadbury	2,300	Scot Power	2,300
Caradon	2,500	Sears	489
Carlton Cms	1,100	Svrn Trent	629
Cm Union	1,200	Shell Trans	4,600
Courtaulds	6,300	Siebe	2,500
De La Rue	260	SmKl Bch	8,100
Eastern Elec	520	Smith Nph	2,200
Enterpr Oil	705	Sthern Elec	1,000
Forte	2,100	Std Chartd	988
GKN	1,200	Sun Allnce	5,100
GRE	3,300	TI Gp	317
GUS	834	TSB	4,400
Gen Acc	554	Tesco	6,600
Gen Elec	4,100	Thames W	1,500
Glaxo	5,300	Thrn EMI	307
Granada	3,900	Tomkins	2,100
Grand Met	14,000	Unilever	1,500
Guinness	6,500	Utd Bisc	3,200
HSBC	4,200	Vodafone	9,100
Hanson	20,000	Warburg (SG)	446
ICI	1,300	Wellcome	3,300
Inchcape	1,500	Whitbread	2,700
Kingfisher	2,100	Wllms Hld	592
Ladbroke	1,200	Wolseley	430
Land Secs	2,300	Zeneca	1,500

WALL STREET

	Dec 1 midday	Nov 30 close
AMP Inc	72¼	72¼
AMR Corp	50¾	50½
AT & T	49¾	49½
Abbott Labs	31½	31¼
Advanced Micro	25¼	25¼
Aetna Life	44¼	44¼
Ahmanson (HF)	16½	16¾
Air Prod & Chem	44¾	44½
Albertson's	28¾	28¾
Alcan Alumnm	24¾	24¾
Alco Standard	56	56
Allied Signal	32¾	32¾
Alum Co of Am	81	81½
Amax Gold Inc	6¼	6¼
Amerada Hess	45¾	45¼
Amer Brands	35¾	35¼
Amer El Power	32¾	33
Amer Express	29¼	29¼
Amer Genl Corp	26¼	26¼
Amer Home Pr	65¾	65¾
Amer Intl	91¼	91¼
Amer Stores	25¼	26¼
Ameritech	39	39¼
Amoco	60¾	60¼
Anheuser-Busch	49¾	49¾
Apple Computer	36¼	37¼
Archer Daniels	27¼	27¼
Armco	5¾	6¼
Armstrng Wrld	39¼	40
Asarco	26¼	27¼
Ashland Oil	33¼	34
Atl Richfield	103¼	103¼
Auto Data Pro	55¾	55¾
Avery Dennison	32¼	32¼
Avon Products	61¼	61¼
Baker Hughes	17¾	18
Baltim Gas & El	22¼	22¼
Banc One	26¾	26¾
BankAmerica	40¼	41
Bank of NY	27¼	27¼
Bankers Tr NY	59¾	59¾
Barnett Banks	39¼	39¾
Bausch & Lomb	33¾	33¼
Baxter Intl	25¼	25¾
Bectn Dicknsn	46¾	47¼
Bell Atlantic	49¾	50¼
BellSouth	51¾	51¼
Black & Decker	23¼	24
Block (H&R)	34	34¾
Boeing	45¾	44¾
Boise Cascade	24	24¼
Borden Inc	13¼	14
Bristol Myrs Sq	58¾	57¾
Browning Ferris	27	27
Brunswick	17¾	17¼
Burlington Nthn	48¾	48¾
CBS	55	55¾
CNA Financial	61¼	62¾
CPC Intl	51¾	51¼
CSX	68¾	69¼
Campbell Soup	42¾	43
Can Pacific	15¼	15¼
Cptl Cities ABC	81¾	81¼
Carolina Pwr	26¼	26¼
Caterpillar	53¼	54
Central & SW	21¼	21¼
Champion Intl	35	34¾
Chase Manhat	35¼	35¾
Chemical Bk	36¾	36¾
Chevron Corp	43	43¾
Chrysler	48¾	48¾
Chubb Corp	70¾	70¼
Cigna Corp	63¾	63¾
Citicorp	41¼	41¼
Clorox	58¼	58¼
Coastal Corp	26	25¾
Coca Cola	51¾	51¾
Colgate-Palmolive	59¾	60
Columbia Gas	24¼	24¼
Compaq Comp	39	39¾
Comp Ass Intl	45¾	45¼
Conagra	30¾	30¼
Cons Edison	25¾	25¾
Cons Nat Gas	34¾	35
Cons Rail	51¼	52
Cooper Inds	34	34¾
Corning Inc	30	30
Crown Cork	36¼	37¼
Dana Corp	21¾	21¼
Dayton Hudson	82¾	81¼
Deere	63¾	64¼
Delta Air Lines	49¾	50¼
Deluxe Corp	27¾	27¼
Detroit Edison	26¾	26¾
Digital Equip	32¾	34
Dillard Dept St	28¾	28¾
Disney (Walt)	43¾	43¼
Dominion Res	37	37¾
Donelley (RR)	28¼	28¾
Dover Corp	51¾	51¾
Dow Chemical	64¾	64
Dow Jones	29¾	29
Dresser	19¾	20
Duke Power	40¼	40¾
Dun & Bradstreet	52¾	52¾
Du Pont	54	53¾
Eastman Kodak	45¼	45¾
Eaton Corp	46¾	47¾
Emerson Elec	58¾	59
Engelhard Corp	22	22

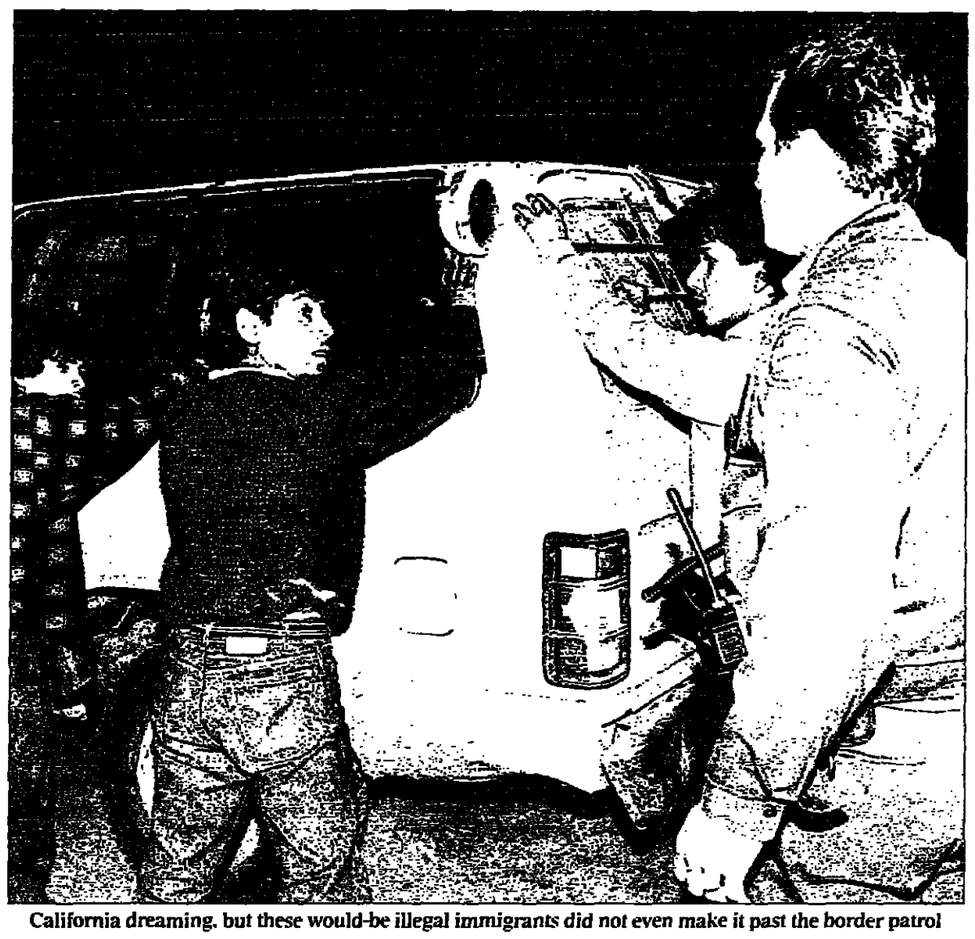
	Dec 1 midday	Nov 30 close
Enron Corp	28¼	27
Entergy	22¾	22¼
Ethyl Corp	10	10¼
Exxon	59¾	60¾
FMC Corp	58¾	58¾
FPL Group	35¼	35¾
Federal Express	56¾	56¼
Fed Nat Mtge	71	71¼
First Chicago	46¼	46¾
First Interstate	70	70¼
First Union Rlty	6¼	6¼
Fleet Finl Grp	31¼	31¾
Fluor Corp	43¾	42¾
Ford Motor	27¾	27¾
GTE Corp	30¾	30¾
Gannett	47¼	47¼
Gap Inc Del	33¼	35¼
Gen Dynamics	39¾	40¼
Gen Electric	46	46
Gen Mills	53¾	53¾
Gen Motors	38¾	38¼
Gen Reinsurance	116¾	117¼
Gen Signal	32¾	33¼
Genuine Parts	34¼	34¼
Georgia Pac	71¾	71¼
Gillette	73¾	73¼
Glaxo ADR	19	19¼
Goodrich (BF)	44¼	44¾
Goodyear Tire	33¾	33¼
Grace (W&R)	36¾	37
Grt Atl Pac Tea	21¼	22¼
Great Wstn Fin	16¼	17
Halliburton	34¼	34¼
Harcourt General	35¼	35¼
Heinz (HJ)	35¾	36¾
Hercules	113	114¾
Hershey Foods	46¼	46¼
Hewlett Packard	96¾	96
Hilton Hotels	68¼	69¼
Home Depot	46¾	46¼
Homestake Mng	17¾	16¾
Honeywell	29¼	29¼
Household Intl	36¾	38¼
Houston Inds	33¼	34
Humana	22¾	22¼
ITT Corp	79¼	79¾
Illinois Tool	40¾	40¼
Illinova	19¼	20
INCO	27¼	27¼
Ingersoll Rand	32¼	32¾
Inland Steel	32¼	32¾
Intel Corp	62¾	63¼
IBM	70¾	70¾
Intl Flav & Fr	44	44
Intl Paper	71	71¼
James River Va	21	21¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	53¼	53¼
Kellogg	57¼	56¼
Kerr-McGee	46¼	47¼
Kimberly-Clark	49¼	50¼
Kmart	14¼	14¾
Knight-Ridder	47¼	48¼
Lilly (Eli)	63	62¾
Limited Inc	19¼	19¼
Lin Brdcstng	142¾	143¾
Lincoln Nat	38¼	38¼
Litton	34¼	34¼
Liz Claiborne	22¼	22¾
Lockheed	68¾	68¾
Louisiana Pac	27¾	28
MCI Comm	19¾	19¾
Marriott Int	26¼	26¾
Marsh & McLnn	72¾	72¾
Masco Corp	22¾	22¼
May Dept St	35¾	36¼
Maytag Corp	14¼	14¼
McDonalds	28¾	28¾
McDonnell D	139¾	139¼
McGraw Hill	68¼	67¾
Mead Corp	45¼	45¾
Medtronic	52¾	53
Mellon Bk	32¾	33¼
Melville Corp	31¼	31¼
Merck Inc	37¼	37¾
Merrill Lynch	37¼	38
Minnesota Mine	50¾	51¾
Mobil Corp	85¼	85¾
Monsanto	72	72
Morgan (JP)	58¾	58¾
Motorola Inc	57	56¾
Natl Medical	14	14¼
Natl Semi	18¼	18¼
Natl Service Ind	25¼	25¼
Navistar Int	13¼	13¼
NBD Bancorp	27¼	27¼
NY Times A	23¼	23¼
Newmont Mng	36¼	36¾
Niag Mohawk	13¼	13¼
Nike B	64¾	63¼
NL Industries	10¾	10¾
Noram Energy	5¾	5¾
Nordstrom	47¼	48¼
Norfolk Sthrn	61¼	60¾
Nthn State Pwr	44¾	45¼
Norwest Corp	23¼	23¼
Nynex Corp	37¼	37¼
Occidental Pet	19¼	19¾
Ohio Edison	19¼	18¾
Oracle Systems	43¾	41¼
Oryx Energy Co	12¼	12¼

	Dec 1 midday	Nov 30 close
Owens Corning	28¾	29
PNC Financial	20¼	20¼
PPG Industries	36¼	36
Paccar Inc	41	41¼
Pacificorp	18¼	18¼
Pac Enterprises	20¾	21¼
Pac Gas & Elec	23¼	23¼
Pac Telesis	28¾	29
Pall Corp	17¾	17¾
Panhandle East	21	21¼
Parker Hannifin	43¾	43¾
Peco Energy	24	24¼
Penney (JC)	44¼	46
Pennzoil	47¼	48¼
Pepsico	35¼	35¾
Pfizer	76¾	77¼
Phelps Dodge	57¾	57¾
Philip Morris	59¾	59¾
Phillips Pet	32¾	33
Pitney Bowes	33¾	33¼
Polaroid	31¼	31¼
PriceCostco	15¾	15¼
Procter & Gmbl	61¼	62¾
Providian	30¼	30¼
Pub Serv E & G	25¾	26¼
Quaker Oats	60	60¾
Ralston Purina	43¾	42¾
Raychem Corp	33¾	34¼
Raytheon	62¾	62¾
Reebok Intl	37¾	38¼
Reynolds Metals	47¼	47¾
Roadway Srvcs	50	50¼
Rockwell Intl	33¼	33¾
Rohm & Haas	55¾	55¾
Royal Dutch	107¾	108¾
Rubbermaid	27¼	27
Safeco Corp	49	49¾
St Paul's Cos	41¾	41¼
Salomon Inc	36¾	36¼
Santa Fe Pac	16¼	16¾
Sara Lee Corp	24¾	24¾
Seecorp	13¼	14
Schering Plough	74¾	74¾
Schlumberger	53¾	53¾
Scott Paper	65	65¾
Seagram	29¾	29¾
Sears Roebuck	46¼	47¾
Shell Trans	66¼	66¾
Sherwin Wllms	30¾	30¼
Skyline Corp	18¼	18¼
Snap-On-Tools	31¾	31¼
Southern Co	20¾	20¾
Sthwestern Bell	41¼	41¼
Sprint Corp	29¼	29¼
Stanley Works	35¼	35¾
Sun Company	28¾	28¾
Sun Microsys	33	33¾
Suntrust	46¾	47¼
Supervalu	24¼	24¼
Sysco Corp	25¾	25¾
TRW Inc	63¾	63¼
TCC Inds	2¾	2
Tandem Comp	17¼	17
Tandy Corp	45¾	46¼
Teledyne	17¾	17¼
Temple Inland	44¼	44¼
Tenneco	38¼	38¾
Texaco	61¾	62¾
Texas Inst	75¾	75¼
Texas Utilities	31¼	32¼
Textron	47¼	47
Time Warner	34	33¾
Times-Mirror	30¾	30¾
Timken	32¼	32¼
Torchmark	35¾	35¼
Toys R Us	36¼	36¾
Transamerica	47	47¼
Travelers	32¼	32¼
Tribune	50¾	50¾
Tyco Labs	46¼	46
UST Inc	27¾	27¼
UAL	95¾	95¼
USX Marathon	18	18
Unicom	23¾	23¼
Unilever NV	111¾	111¾
Union Camp	46¼	46¾
Union Carbide	28¾	28¾
Union Pacific	45¾	46¼
Unisys Corp	9¼	9¾
USAIR Group	4¼	4¼
USF&G Corp	13¼	13¼
US Life	32¾	32¾
US West	35	35¾
United Tech	58¾	58¼
Unocal Corp	26¾	26¾
Upjohn	31¼	32¼
VF Corp	48¾	48¾
WMX Tech	25¾	25¾
Wal-Mart Stores	22¾	23¼
Warner-Lambert	76¾	77¼
Wells Fargo	144¾	144¾
Westinghouse El	12¼	12¾
Weyerhaeuser	37¾	38¼
Whirlpool	49¾	49¾
Whitman	15¾	15¾
Winn Dixie	50¼	50¼
Woolworth	14	14¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	46¾	46¾
Xerox	97¾	98¾
Yellow Corp	19¾	19¾

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Californians ponder cost of a proposition they didn't refuse

Sean Mac Carthaigh on the implications for business of targeting illegal immigrants



California dreaming, but these would-be illegal immigrants did not even make it past the border patrol

At Jacumba, population 404, just off Route 94 in California, the border with Mexico is a three-bar fence. The middle bar as been bent down so that even a child of four can cross from Mexico to the United States.

One day this week at midday, 11 Mexicans ducked through the fence, glancing furtively around as they stepped on to American soil. In stark contrast to expected alien behaviour, they had parked their cars in a neat row on the Mexican side of the frontier and crossed the border to enjoy the lunch special at the Jacumba Cafe. By 2pm the cars had gone, the Mexicans were all back at work — in Mexico.

These are not the Mexicans that were meant to be the target of Proposition 187, a new law on immigration supported at the polls by 59 per cent of Californian voters. But President Clinton cannot hope to win re-election without carrying California and that has proved motive enough to put paid to the Mexicans' lunches.

Proposition 187 goes much further, banning immigrants without documents from receiving any social services, all but emergency medical care, and barring their children from schools. Known initially as the Save Our State initiative, it was rooted in a legitimate budgetary grievance, but was given top-spin in a wave of anti-Washington sentiment and a desire to find a scapegoat for the stumbling California economy.

Governor Pete Wilson, trailing by 20 points in the polls, jumped on the budget issue, demanding that the estimated $2.3 billion social costs of about 1.7 million illegal immigrants be paid not from his budget, but by Washington. In California, those who bother to vote at all tend to be disproportionately white and older, and even legal immigrants do not have the franchise. Proposition 187 turned the election round for Mr Wilson, and he won. But in the days that followed, the huge economic cost loomed and the potential to stifle the state's industry was discovered.

In its own right, the state of California is the eighth largest economy in the world and its industrial exports contribute 14 per cent of US gross domestic product. The state has a reputation for expanding out of economic crises. Earlier this year, economists insisted California had bounced back from the devastating effects of government cutbacks on its defence industry, creating new sectors and jobs. But by the autumn, they were scaling back their predictions, and the 40,000 jobs created in the first quarter of 1994 had been whittled down to 6,800 by market forces.

Robert Parny, president of the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco, says: "California's economy is more or less bumping along the bottom." Thousands more defence workers in the south of the state expect notice of dismissal for Christmas. Insurers keep raising the bill for the damage caused by the earthquake in January and the wave of interest rate increases declared by the Federal Reserve reduce rather than restrain any economic growth.

The beacon of hope for California's business community lies in the North American Free Trade Agreement, and the state's ties with Mexico. The wide-ranging reforms of President Salinas de Gortari and the promise of his successor, Ernesto Zedillo, inaugurated yesterday, to continue them, have attracted billions of dollars worth of investment from US companies. Mexico's inflation is in single digits, government debt is low, and everyone expects the economy, and the population, to grow and grow. That could mean a huge boost to businesses in California, rising to meet the growing market. But when California's economic planners turned on their televisions just after Proposition 187 was passed they got a shock. President Salinas denounced it and received deafening applause from the Mexican parliament. Whispers of a boycott against California were getting louder. At stake is an estimated $7 billion in Californian exports to Mexico by year-end. The figure is up 10 per cent on 1993 and is expected to go on climbing at a rapid pace. Of particular interest to California's industrialists are the massive Mexican state contracts to bring the country's road, telephone and electricity infrastructure up to date.

> "The state economy is more or less bumping along the bottom"

Four days after the Salinas address, California trade representatives shut down their offices fearing they would be attacked by demonstrators. Gil Partida, president of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, ruefully admitted that Californian firms were likely lose out on these deals. "Are we going to be in a position as competitive as companies from Texas or Arizona or Illinois? It's highly doubtful."

Already, Duane Zobrist, chairman of the US-Mexico Chamber of Commerce, has seen the shift. He had arranged a meeting for next month between Señor Zedillo and chief executives of big Californian companies. Now, he has been asked to bring chief executives from other states. Señor Zedillo last week raised Proposition 187 with President Clinton, and said he was offended by it. "We don't think this is the way to deal with the problem. In fact, it only politicises the problem, dangerously politicises it," he said.

Even as the Attorney General's high-profile frontier clampdown rolls into being, other arms of the federal Government are quietly putting the squeeze on Proposition 187. Richard Riley, Secretary of Education, has said that he might withdraw $2.3 billion in federal aid if the law is ever implemented. He says that under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, federally-funded schools cannot disclose information about pupils for law-enforcement purposes. His move could save California money in lawsuits. A study by a group working in Los Angeles for the Rand Corporation reveals that 85 per cent of the children aged ten and under of illegal aliens were born in the United States, and are therefore, as citizens, entitled to schooling. Kevin McCarthy, of Rand, says: "Aged ten to 15, we estimate 60 per cent born in the US, and aged 15 to 19 it's around 50 per cent, but this last group are likely to simply drop out of school right away."

But the Clinton Administration is not likely to just stop Mr Wilson from shooting himself in the foot. It is also threatening to withdraw federal funding for welfare and social services if the recipients are trawled for residency documents. In total, $15 billion could be withheld. Then comes the X factor, the effect that removing undocumented workers from the economy will have on the cost of labour. The farmers of California are worried. They have become used to paying low wages to illegal immigrant pickers, and, of course, no employers' or social security payments. The garment industry faces a similar predicament, as does the construction industry. Hotels and restaurants, too, will have to raise prices or cut profits if they are denied cheap labour. Mr McCarthy also points out that there are hundreds of thousands of undocumented Mexican women working as nannies, household helps, and cooks across the state: "This could reduce the number of middle-class women who can leave their homes to enter the workforce."

The federal Government is likely to lose out, because of the US equivalent of the pay-as-you-earn tax system. Low-earning illegals rarely claim the tax rebates to which they are entitled. Businesses also know that illegal immigrants, like everyone else, spend money, contributing to the economy of California by their consumption of cars, petrol, clothes, groceries, and paying rent to landlords.

But if Proposition 187 is beginning to look like a slick political move gone wrong there is one group of entrepreneurs that expects business to soar as a result — forgers. At MacArthur Park in Los Angeles, a young man was offering sale prices: $120 for a package of a green card, social security card and a driver's licence. The licence alone was $60. The process, including photos, took an hour. The licence look convincing, notably the state-of-the-art holograms.

America sends in a caretaker at the OECD

Colin Narbrough says the organisation could be heading for a slow demise

The rich nations of the world have finally managed to resolve a ten-month dispute over who heads the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, but may have condemned it to slow death in the process.

The compromise agreement approved in the early hours of Wednesday means another of the top international postings, which had to be decided this year, has now been filled.

Jean-Claude Paye, the discreet Frenchman whose second five-year term as OECD secretary-general, expired in September, when America and the European Union mutually vetoed their respective candidates, has been reappointed and was already back this week at his old desk in the think tank's Paris headquarters in the 16th *arrondisement*.

But Washington made sure M Paye will go in 18 months, after which Donald Johnston, the former Canadian Finance Minister, takes over at the OECD for a full term. What *Le Monde*, the French newspaper, described as a "shaky compromise" has given the OECD a lame-duck secretary-general who will be handing on the job to an obscure Canadian whose public performance has been called "underwhelming".

> Japan, at first urged to back Mr Johnston, was asked for a volte-face

The OECD has an annual budget of Fr1.3 billion and a staff of 2,000 provide economic analysis, reports on the performance of member states and research and policy co-ordination. Critics have long said it has outlived its purpose. Ironically, in the race for the secretary-generalship this autumn, Britain put forward Lord Lawson of Blaby, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, as its own outside contender, even though he had openly attacked it.

OECD supporters are convinced it has the twin advantages of being relatively low-cost and unique in its ability to deliver highly professional analysis of the international economy in close co-operation with its members.

The deep suspicions Anglo-Saxon nations harbour about French dominance of big international institutions has led to a general questioning of their relevance in the post-Cold War world, usually connected to the search for public spending cuts.

But the strength of European backing for M Paye, evident in the 16 votes in favour of his reappointment at the last vote in September suggested most members were satisfied with the OECD's work. Britain was one of two countries to abstain. The main justification given for M Paye returning was the need for him to complete a big study on unemployment, which goes before a ministerial conference in May 1996. He will now be able to oversee the crucial prescriptive phase of the work in which policy guidance will be given country-by-country. Another reason he has been kept on could be the OECD's plan to relocate its offices. In talks with the French Government, a French insider will certainly be more useful than a meek Canadian.

The Clinton Administration has achieved its immediate OECD objective, albeit with a minor qualification. But with the Republicans now taking charge of the US Congress, and possibly the White House in two years, it is easy to foresee Mr Johnston being allowed to let the OECD wither away. The US approach appears to have been designed to cause maximum political damage. Japan, persuaded by Washington to back Mr Johnston, was confronted with a US demand for a volte-face.

Many members want the OECD to remain a specialised, professional agency, not a political football. After what one official called the "gumboot" diplomacy over the OECD, the big guns are lining up for the battle over the first head of the World Trade Organisation, which should succeed the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade next month.

America is backing Carlos Salinas de Gortari, the outgoing Mexican President, and Japan supports Kim Chul-su, the South Korean Trade and Industry Minister. But Washington does not want Japan to have too much influence at the WTO and has already captured the OECD for its own man. That may leave Renato Ruggiero, the former Italian Trade Minister and EU candidate, odds-on favourite.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Paradise lost for Kerzner?

SOL Kerzner, the South African hotel magnate, may well have been chuffed to have featured in *Business Age*'s list of The Rich 500, but he won't be amused by the British magazine's December issue quoting former Transkei attorney-general Christo Nel that "Within the first six months of 1995 I expect to see Kerzner arrested. I already have the arrest warrant". A warrant relating to bribery and corruption charges has hung over Kerzner since 1989. He has admitted paying R2 million cash to former Transkei Prime Minister George Matanzima, jailed for nine years for accepting bribes, but Nel was unsuccessful in getting Kerzner extradited from South Africa. Now the homelands, of which Transkei was one, have collapsed, even visiting South Africa might present a problem. *Business Age* quotes Pieter Erasmus of South Africa's justice department as saying "If the conclusion of our investigation is that he should be arrested, then he will be picked up wherever in South Africa he is, regardless of whom he knows". Kerzner was yesterday in the Bahamas overseeing completion of his Paradise Island resort.

Good as gold

LIKE the birth of a baby, the first gold pour at any developing mine is an "event". Algy Cluff, chairman of the gold group, was, however, in London yesterday when the "event" took place at the group's Ayanfuri mine in Ghana. The mine's first pour weighed 28 kg and contained 810 ounces of the gold, worth $308,000. An official opening of Ayanfuri is planned early next year, though the chairman has yet to decide who will have the honour. "Lady Thatcher did such a marvellous job when she opened our Freda Rebecca mine in Zimbabwe in 1989 that I might even ask her again," the proud father of Cluff's latest issue said.



"We shall all have to put up cement prices to pay our fines"

Bermuda date

MAN swaps City suit for Bermuda shorts. Humphrey Percy, whose career path has seen him with Barclays Bank and BZW for 14 years, where he was global head of foreign exchange, and before that with Schroder Wagg's treasury division for six years — and he is still only 38 — is joining Strategic Asset Management as an executive director. Percy is used to whizzing around international foreign exchange markets in a flash as rates change by the second. Now, he'll have to get used to whizzing around the airways. SAM, started a year ago with $65 million and now with $200 million under management, has its head office in Bermuda "an especially difficult place to fly out of".

DON'T ever again imagine bankers are dull. On January 5, members of the Isle of Man Chartered Institute of Bankers are to hear a talk by university lecturer Keith Elliott on "Sex, success and pink elephants".

COLIN CAMPBELL

BUSINESS LETTERS

It was Packard, not Allison

From Mr Jonathan Chaytor

Sir, I think your reader Mr Roberts (Business letters, November 25) is confusing Allison with Packard. Certainly Allison made an excellent reduction gear based on work going back to the company's copy of the R-R Eagle engine. It was Packard Motor Co. in Detroit that produced the Merlin engine on a grand scale. Production figures were:

Rolls Royce — Derby	32,377
Rolls Royce — Crewe	26,065
Rolls Royce — Glasgow	23,647
Ford — Manchester	30,428
Packard — USA	55,523

Yours faithfully,
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Lancs.

Real way to drink

From Dr Robert E. Jones

Sir, So Coca-Cola is going to spend £4 million in Britain on advertising! Is it too much to expect that for this market they alter their disgusting advertisements showing drinking out of a bottle in as few gulps as possible? Perhaps this is an opportunity for Sainsbury's et al to show customers sipping from Dixie-cups.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT E. JONES,
El Sardinero, Santander,
Spain.

For sustainable jobs, start with competitive products

From Mr John Greenhough

Sir, If Mr Clarke wishes to stimulate jobs he should drop the rather crude assumption that subsidising employment will lead to greater demand for employees.

Rather, he should recognise that the only way to create demand for jobs that are sustainable, is to support companies to stimulate demand for their own products and services, and thus enable them to strengthen their competitive position.

But how? If he were to refer to the DTI's "Competitiveness" report he would find that this is achieved by having the right products and services, at the right place, at the right time, at the right price.

To deliver improved competitiveness, and I could quote a multitude of independent studies which also assert this, requires a company to undertake a fundamental analysis of the charging dynamics in their market-place, identify new opportunities for future growth, and, understanding their current competitive position, make plans to develop the business accordingly.

Having recently undertaken research which shows that a large number of senior managers do not have the resources (skills and cash) to pursue such a laudable objective, and one whose cumulative effect for the P&L of UK plc would be enormous, indications are that some incentive here would increase demand for employees, and therefore represents a very sound investment for the Exchequer.

Worth a pencil note in the margin for next year?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GREENHOUGH,
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Rethinking the equation on work's rewards

From Mr H.W. Haslam

Sir, In brief, the argued rationale (Business letters, November 25) for the beneficial effects of automation and information technology on employment prospects runs like this.

One of the main reasons for working is to improve one's standard of living. Automation and other technological innovation, where available, help each job to achieve more, thus making it more worthwhile. They provide positive incentives to work.

If everybody had as high a standard of living as they wanted, it could perhaps be claimed that automation was responsible for such unemployment as existed, but as long as there are people who wish to raise their living standards and are willing to work for this, there will continue to be opportunities for employment. The reasons why high unemployment persists are complex, but may have less to do with automation than with a lack of realism in how we each value our work in relation to what we are prepared to pay for the products of other people's work.

Yours faithfully,
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Taxis lost in City security roadblocks

From Mr A.W. Howitt

Sir, Jon Ashworth sets out very fairly in his article (Analysis, November 29) the reasons "why the Square Mile's roadblocks are here to stay".

He concludes with, "Just don't ask your taxi driver for his opinion". Indeed, but where do I find a taxi driver? As a result of these roadblocks it is now far more difficult to find a taxi in the City after ten o'clock at night, to the discomfort of both late workers and diners.

Yours faithfully
A. W. HOWITT,
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NW11.

Names should face up to reality

From Captain I.G. Tew

Sir, At the last ALM Conference the solicitor acting for various Names Action Groups, Doctor Tiplady, put in perspective the real situation of names who will not pay their losses. He said that the organisers of the Writs Response Group and the Names Defence Association knew that ultimately they would not win; it was merely a delaying tactic. He had not found any evidence of fraud against Lloyd's and he had spent years digging.

Is it not time that names face up to the reality of the situation, not the fantasy of what they would like it to be?

Yours faithfully
I.G. TEW,
7 Springfield Close,
Lymington,
Hampshire.

Who pays wins

From Mr John C. Welch

Sir, I have over the past week read, on a number of occasions, that very high salaries are justified as being "performance related". Perhaps the performance to which they are related should be keeping down prices to consumers, not keeping up dividends to shareholders.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN C. WELCH,
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523	360½	Abbey Ntl	410	-9½	4.7	13.8
314	233	Allied Irish	250	+2	5.0	9.8
278¾	171	Aus New Z	193	-2	6.9	...
3300	2462½	Bank Amer	3300	-12½	...	...
247	172½	Bank Scotland†	204	-3	3.3	11.5
640	487	Barclays	599	-8½	3.5	18.5
319	246	Bk of Ireland†	281	+3	5.0	8.4
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2650	-25	...	...
285¾	203	Close Bros	228	...	4.1	...
£150⅛	£121⅛	Commerzbk	£130⅞	+9½	6.2	...
1296½	1056½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1153¼	+8½	0.5	...
£344⅛	£270⅛	Deutsche Bk	£300⅛	-115⅞	2.2	...
1315⅝	797½	Espirito Santo	862½	...	4.4	4.3
90	60	First Nat Fin	62½	-1	3.0	...
1549¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1312	-21⅞	0.4	...
473	209	Hambros†	232	+4	8.1	14.2
1113	660	HSBC	659	-18	4.4	10.1
1133	680	HSBC HK	697	-18	4.4	10.1
443	400	Joseph (L)	418	...	5.3	12.1
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	481	+8	5.0	8.5
680	519	Lloyds	560½	-14	5.1	11.0
620¼	472	Nat Aust Bk	516	-3	7.0	...
622	421	Nat West	514	-7	4.7	9.5
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2150	...	6.8	...
73	53	Rea Bros	61	...	1.9	17.1
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	400	-20	4.4	9.4
1574	1050	Schroders	1436	-13	1.6	13.2
1458	1043	Schroders NV	1305	-18	1.8	12.0
114	75	Singer & Fried	84	+1	4.7	10.8
359¼	223	Stand Chart	264	+1	2.8	9.7
391	197	TSB	224	-5½	4.5	11.3
1012	569	Warburg SG†	653	-3	4.2	12.0
£105	8812½	Wells Fargo	9212½	-150	2.9	...
360	194	Westpac	205¼	-¼	2.8	...
390	210	Wintrust	213	-2	6.0	14.2

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
10¼	1½	Ascot Hldgs	1½	...	...	...
619	485	Bass	518	-10	5.1	13.5
299	248	Boddington	257	-1	4.0	13.8
196	168	Burtonwood Brwf	179	...	3.6	15.0
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	157	-1	2.7	23.2
66	46¼	Fosters Brewng	56	+1	5.3	...
483	368	Fuller Smi 'A'	368	-2	2.6	15.2
511	399	Greenalls Gp	414	-4	3.8	15.9
584	452	Greene King	539	-1	3.0	15.0
265	239	Hardy Hansn	241	...	4.6	12.3
170	135	Heavitree	150	...	3.4	13.5
3773	3125	Holt J	3489	+13	1.8	19.2
246	195	Marstons	222	...	2.5	13.6
314	256	Marston Thmp	292	+1	2.6	15.0
546	463	Morland	488	...	2.8	...
10⅝	6⅛	Pacmoruel	7⅛	...	3.4	...
303	203	Regent Inns	298	...	2.3	22.9
1665⅝	1000	SA Breweries†	1518⅞	...	1.9	33.6
591	477	Scot & New	511	-6	4.2	15.2
336	229	Vaux Group	234	-3	5.1	15.1
433	324½	Wetherspoon JD†	437	+1	1.9	24.1
617	494	Whitbread†	549½	-2½	4.4	15.0
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	530	...	3.1	14.9
190	148	Yates Bros	190	...	2.0	23.3
535	475	Young 'A'†	475	-3	3.9	20.1

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	135	...	4.9	9.8
200	148	Allen	163	...	4.0	19.3
164	72	Amec†	72	-1	5.2	41.5
110	47	Andrews Sykes	110	...	...	...
462	333	Ashtead	425	...	1.6	26.9
191	101	Avonside	102	...	5.4	12.0
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	34	...	2.6	20.8
88	18½	Barcom	45	...	4.9	5.4
292	160½	Barratt Devs	173	-1	4.3	13.4
169	122½	Beazer Homes	138	-1	4.9	10.8
334	179	Bellway	189	-4	4.5	...
59	31	Belwinch	32	...	...	28.1
573	368	Berkeley Gp	368	-3	2.4	15.3
215	118	Bett Bros†	180	...	3.1	5.5
355	210	Boot (Henry)	218	...	3.8	10.7
84	35	Brandon Hire	80	...	2.3	...
235	160	Br Bldg & Engt	160	...	6.2	10.0
197½	120	Bryant	135	-2	4.6	15.2
145¾	111	CALA	112	...	3.1	15.4
54	31	Campbell & Arm	36	...	...	...
82	44	Clarke T	49	...	3.2	41.5
42	20½	Costain	22½	...	...	...
185	113	Countryside	117	-3	4.4	26.0
120	78	Crest Nicholson	78	...	2.6	14.5
140	100	Cussins	103	...	4.1	12.4
30	13	Edmond Hldgs	#21	...	1.8	...
473	318	Eve Group	318	...	4.3	13.0
60	24	Galliford	26	+1	4.8	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	88	...	3.8	...
1028	823	Gleeson (MJ)†	826	+3	2.1	...
86	71	Gross (Ernest)†	86	...	8.7	26.5
191	121	Havelock Europ	175	...	2.1	16.0
169	139	Hewden-Stuart†	146	...	2.5	16.8
144	86	Higgs & Hill†	91	...	3.4	...
32	18	Howard Hldgs	22	...	4.5	20.5
25	6	Jarvis	11¼	...	...	...
138	104	Keller	112	...	4.2	13.0
428	204	Laing (J)	235	...	4.8	21.2
164	90¼	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	96	...	8.3	...
145	115	Lon Clydeside	125	...	4.8	17.3
173	63	Lovell (YJ)	63	...	...	...
253	196	Maunders (J)	216	...	3.2	...
327	180	McAlpine (A)	180	-3	4.5	26.4
76¼	50¾	McCarthy & S	64	...	1.0	...
185¼	94	Mowlem (J)	100	-½	2.5	...
379½	205	Persimmon	208	+1	5.5	15.6
2025	1450	Pochin	2025	...	2.0	20.5
198	125	Prowting†	125	...	3.6	19.0
116	46½	Raine Ind†	49½	...	7.6	10.3
132	102	Redrow	103	-1	3.3	10.2
87	50	Smith-Roe	60	...	1.6	20.2
367	233	Sherriff Hldgs	363	...	1.5	24.2
112	62½	Shorco	111	...	4.1	15.6
245	195	Smart (J)†	217	...	4.9	22.8
280	155¼	Spandex†	250	+2	1.2	20.1
257	151	Tay Homes	166	...	4.9	12.2
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	116	-1	1.9	28.3
780	538	Tilbury Dougls	570	...	4.2	43.7
60	36	Torex Hire	56	...	2.0	28.7
40½	22	Try Group	28	...	2.8	...
139	90	Vibroplant†	114	...	4.1	30.1
170	123	Wainhomes	131	...	4.7	14.0
74	48	Ward Hldgs	53	...	1.2	...
225½	141	Westbury†	141	...	4.8	12.8
7½	3¾	Wiggins	6¾	...	...	...
250	171	Wilson (C)	171	-1	3.1	14.2
571	332	Wilson Bowden	338	-1	3.5	15.1
249	130	Wimpey G	131	-1	5.0	19.6

BUILDING MATERIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
27	12	Allington	15	...	4.2	14.4
341	283	Alumasc	338	...	2.2	...
65¾	43½	Amberley Gp	49	-1	2.6	35.8
363	274	BPB Ind	295	+2	3.6	19.7
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	115	...	3.4	21.7
60	37½	Barcon	37½	...	7.5	...
244	125	Berisford Intl	216	-3	...	...
93	60	Blockleys†	60	...	1.9	...
391	262	Blue Circle	301	-3	4.7	21.4
117	77	Breedon PLC	84	...	6.8	24.0
154	128	Br Dredging†	133	...	5.3	16.0
409	321	CRH	343	+2	2.8	17.4
70	31	Cakebread Rby	[illegible]	...	...	...
278	216	Cape	216	-7	6.5	13.5
455	254	Caradon	357	-6	4.1	17.7
215½	137½	Caradon pft	130½	-2	6.9	...
62	46	Chelton Br	54	...	8.1	10.8
134	89	Dyson (J&J)	98	...	4.5	14.8
97	69	Dyson 'A'	69	...	6.3	10.4
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	10	...	2.3	...
350	273	Evode	284	-1	3.5	16.8
82	57	Erith	60	...	2.9	33.8
218	160	Graham Gp	175	...	3.3	18.7
399	337	Halstead (J)†	348	...	2.7	16.1
511	384	Hepworth	304	-5	6.1	17.3
88	46	Hewetson	85	...	2.2	14.7
205	85	Hewitt (J)	98	...	2.2	...
473	266	Heywd Wms	270	+1	8.2	15.2
100	67	Ibstock†	78	...	1.6	...
294	149	Jonestern	267	...	2.1	32.1
170	141	Littlehall	141	-1	4.2	14.6
213½	129	Marley	140	-1	3.8	16.6
155	126	Marshalls	142	...	4.0	12.5
589	344	Meyer Intl	349	...	3.3	13.6
196	145	Newman Tnks	175	+3	4.6	22.1
212½	113	Norcros	114	...	7.9	21.0
20	9	Phoenix Timber	11	...	...	...
208	162	Pilkington	164½	-3	3.1	70.1
185	126	Polypipe	141½	-½	2.0	16.3
1079	805	RMC Gp†	991	-8	2.7	20.5
40	16	Rugus	17	...	...	...
640	448	Redland†	465	-6	6.7	21.5
108	70	Rockel	99	-1	5.4	...
185½	114	Rugby Group	122	-1	3.5	15.4
103	62	Russell (A)	89	...	3.2	18.3
288	222	SIG	265	+1	2.6	21.3
21	16	SMP	17	...	1.5	23.7
300	155	Sharpe & Fisher	178	...	3.1	13.1
81½	42	Spring Ram	44	...	1.4	...
206	120	Tarmac†	121	-1½	5.7	...
220	160	Tilon	160	...	3.4	13.6
370	274	Travis Perkins	289	-1	3.6	17.8
28	21	Tudor	23	...	1.4	...
54	33	Unigroup	37	...	...	...
63	33	Waterhouse	51	...	...	...
129	67	Wickes†	89	...	1.8	20.0
67½	38½	Whatman†	66	-1½	1.2	22.2
975	705	Wolseley†	748	-17	2.8	14.7

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...
110	73	App Holo	84	...	...	...
165	107	Allwoods	117	...	5.3	...
11	8½	Bailey (CH)	8½	...	...	...
48	30	Black Arrow†	42	...	9.2	6.7
124	70	Br Bloodstock	77	...	...	69.1
13	5¼	Cabel Gp	6	...	...	16.7
10½	4¼	Chesnox	6½	...	...	...
157	109	Cecil	148	-3	7.0	10.1
237	188	Filofax	225	...	1.1	19.3
50	28	Headway	39	+1	2.2	30.3
292	234	Hazelock	243	...	3.1	17.3
248	169	Leigh	189	...	5.9	15.2
274	214	Noble Gp	223	-1	3.4	14.3
310	207	Photo-Me†	244	...	2.5	25.5
60	38	Plant & Gen†	57	...	3.6	...
185	82	Plantsbrook	173	...	2.5	20.4
12⅛	5½	Porch Group	6	...	...	...
51½	5½	Rodime	11	+2	...	...
120	79	Shanks & McEwan	85	...	3.1	...
244	174	Sinclair (Wm)	187	...	4.8	14.4
700	403	Waste Mgt Intl	511	-8	...	19.3

CHEMICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156½	115½	Allied Colloids	132	...	2.2	21.2
790	705	Amber Ind	790	...	3.4	16.2
£140⅛	£106⅛	BASF DM	£124	+90⅛	7.5	...
757	627	BOC†	715	-5	4.3	27.0
373	281	BTP	284	-1	4.4	18.0
£160⅛	£129⅛	Bayer DM5G	£139⅛	-96⅞	6.4	...
131	98	Brent Chems	103½	...	4.8	...
309	219	Br Vita	227	+3	4.1	16.9
25	18	Cambridge Iso	19	...	...	...
169	153	Canning (W)†	161	...	4.8	32.3
590	424	Courtaulds	430	-6	4.4	34.4
389	327	Croda†	356	+1	3.0	15.3
143	95	Duelex	133	...	4.3	13.4
68½	35½	Euro Colour†	63	-1	2.7	18.2
149	116	Gibbon	117	-21	6.0	10.7
223	143	Hickson†	143	-1	7.0	12.8
£153⅞	£106⅛	Hoechst	£127⅛	...	5.7	...
250	153¼	Holliday Chem	217	...	2.5	17.7
868	726	ICI	795	-3	4.5	61.3
191½	138½	Kalon	142½	...	3.9	13.5
843	683	Laporte	701	+1	3.8	17.7
95	48	MTM	82	...	0.8	...
405	299	Manders	300	...	4.2	14.8
127	100	McLeod Russell	112½	...	6.8	...
128	61	Melrotect	68	...	6.5	9.0
679½	358¾	Montedison	459	+1	4.3	21.1
349	235	Porvair	295	...	1.9	22.2
272	186	Scapa†	187½	...	3.8	16.0
66	31	Suttons Speck	33	+1	2.7	19.4
832½	656	Tolleda Chem	784	...	0.8	14.7
450	342	Wardle Storeys†	342	...	6.3	19.0
220	191	Wellington Hldg	191	-2	3.4	18.5
823	570	Wolstenholme R	798	+13	3.0	10.7
483	345	Yorks Chem	348	...	3.0	15.0
336	258	Yule Catto	281	-1	2.9	21.4

DISTRIBUTORS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	106	Abi Lea	108	...	4.8	...
296	248	Acal	281	...	2.9	18.2
575	253	Adam & Harvey†	570	...	3.4	7.8
31	21	Alexanders	21	...	3.0	19.5
175	115	Appleyard	115	...	6.3	20.3
8	3¾	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	1.4	58.8
578	495	BSS Group	520	...	4.3	21.7
25½	17	Bearing Power	23	...	4.1	14.6
405	243	Bletchley Mtr	252	+1	5.1	10.7
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28	...	3.1	...
370	288	Brammer	330	-1	4.8	18.7
31	15½	Bridgend Gpt	16	...	1.6	...
99	78	Brit Fittings	82	...	3.4	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	51	...	...	...
57	35	Burndene	42	-1	8.0	12.2
465	245	Callyns	288	...	5.0	19.4
59	24½	Castel Pic	28½	...	4.9	15.6
130	84	Central Mtr	88	...	5.0	21.8
51	32½	Cook (DC)	37	...	3.4	11.4
348	201	Cowie	235	+1	4.6	11.0
192½	127	Dag Motors	140	...	5.8	16.1
682	446	Dansons El	593	...	1.4	16.8
628	422	Diplomat	422	-1	4.0	...
589	443	Electrocomps†	470	-3	2.7	19.3
175	133	Electron House	156	-1	2.6	16.1
283	225	Ellis & Everard	258	+2	3.7	19.1
234	201	Eurodollar	210	...	5.1	15.4
173	108	European Mtr	121	-2	4.8	12.4
539½	395	Evans Halshaw	403	...	4.4	12.7
856	490½	Farnell Elect†	531	-3	1.9	21.6
78	58	File Indexer	61	...	5.6	9.0
34	17½	Gardiner	17½	...	5.4	8.3
46	21½	Glenchewton	22	...	...	24.2
90	60	Gowrings	72	...	3.5	21.8
78	58	Hallam Hldgs	70	+1	...	54.8
342½	268½	Heplys	274½	...	3.4	14.7
191	89	Holders Tech	92	...	8.2	10.0
136	110	ISA Intl	111	...	1.9	13.9
609	395	Inchcape†	440	-4½	4.3	14.6
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	165	...	3.0	18.9
573	329	Lex Service	339	-1	5.1	12.6
282	182	Lookers	194	...	4.4	12.1
20	18	Malaya Gp	18	-½	1.7	...
8¼	3½	Middlesex ©	6½	-¼	...	...
440	279	Morbain	418	...	0.7	20.0
100	47	Nerthamber	100	...	1.0	42.5
175	152	PCT	152	-2	6.1	14.7
310	232	Pendragon	258	-2	3.6	17.0
238	163	Perry Gp†	163	...	5.4	8.9
218	136	Quicks Group	136	...	4.6	14.3
163	97	REA	161	...	4.7	33.3
5⅛	2¾	Reeco	3	...	...	...
24	7½	Ross Gp	8	-½	3.1	...
42	32½	SEP Ind	35½	...	3.2	16.7
44	31	TLS Range	37	...	3.4	14.9
365	215	Time Products†	236	...	4.6	15.9
221	151	Vardy (Reg)	151	-5	3.8	14.3
335	247	Wholesale Ftgs	247	...	5.9	...
30½	15	Willis Gp	15	...	4.2	8.4
69	40	Wylo	55	...	1.1	...
98	61	Young (H)	62	...	6.7	86.3

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
232	148	Adwest	157	...	6.0	16.0
380	199½	Antofagasta†	335	...	1.3	27.1
62	48	Armour†	49	...	4.6	...
988	773½	Broken Hill	936	+17	2.3	36.6
481	280½	BTR	282	-4	5.5	14.9
570	372	BAT†	437	-10	5.9	11.4
91	49	Bibby (J)	71	...	5.4	...
57½	44	Bowley Inv	48½	+¼	9.1	...
39	10½	Cannon St	12½	...	...	4.8
836	638½	Charter	757	-1	3.7	21.5
285	226½	Cookson†	242	...	3.4	21.9
302	217½	Dawson	237	+1½	6.2	18.1
220	146	Harrison Crsfld†	147	-4	7.7	16.7
365¾	240	Hutch Whamp	252½	-4	2.2	18.0
710	409½	Jardine Math	448	+7¼	3.3	10.2
36	27½	Jourdan (T)†	30	...	4.2	29.8
175½	124½	Lonrho	157	-½	3.2	43.1
44	16	Porter Chadburn	42½	-½	...	...
705	522	Powell Duffryn	545	...	5.4	15.5
164	118¼	Robert	132	...	7.1	15.0
489	337	Rothmans	441	-10	5.5	21.1
163¼	105	Sime Darby▼	105	-35	4.3	12.9
297	181	Staveley†	183	-1	5.8	53.5
220	181	Suter	163½	-1½	7.1	15.8
268	220	TT Group	235	...	2.3	...
283	202	Tomkins	217	-6	4.3	13.9
124	74½	Trafalgar H	79	-1½	1.6	...
440	245	Unitas	285	...	3.6	15.2
324	246½	Vitesse	286	...	1.6	24.6
15½	9¾	Widney	9¾	...	...	...
414¼	332	Williams Hldg	350	-2	4.7	21.6

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
894¼	610¼	East Midlands	767	+1	4.2	80.6
866	586	Eastern Grp	805	+2½	3.8	17.6
733	534	London Elect	699	+7	4.0	10.7
877	635	Manweb	795	+4	3.8	9.5
840	547	Midlands Elec	777	+4½	3.7	11.9
520	404½	National Power†	493	-2	3.3	13.5
858	589	Northern Elec	843	+5	3.7	10.6
421	329	Nthn Ireland	371	+3	3.8	10.1
850	587	Norweb	803	+8	3.6	10.5
602	449	PowerGen†	538	-5	3.2	11.6
477	307	Hydro-Elect	334	+7	4.7	10.6
486	325	Scottish Power	357	+4	4.5	11.1
453	399	Seeboard	424	-1	3.7	11.1
840	591	Sth Wales	788	-3	4.1	10.7
824	561	Sth Western	771	-7	3.8	10.2
837	540	Southern Elec	794	-1	3.6	12.4
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	735	+5	4.0	14.3

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
109	63	Acorn Comp	97	...	...	...
650	478	Admiral	637	...	1.3	19.5
198	163	Alba	192	+19	3.3	15.8
250	135½	Amstrad†	142½	-2	2.2	...
30	24	Aries	31	...	...	...
94½	78	Astec	85½	...	1.3	17.5
281	118	Aztan	139	-2	2.7	11.1
478	325	BICC†	338	-½	7.1	21.3
283	239	Bowles Hunter	264	-1	4.6	...
16	7	Berkeley Bus	7½	...	...	...
535	402	Black	416	+2	3.1	16.7
380	283	Bowthorpe†	284	...	3.1	16.3
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18½	...	1.9	9.6
235	225	CML Micro	225	-3	3.3	14.4
35¼	23	Calorida	33	-½	0.5	64.1
117	81	Capymore	107	...	5.1	...
202	154	Cray Elect	157	-4	1.8	18.3
467	412	Crossley	465	...	2.3	19.5
388	269	Dale Ele Sys	316	-4	0.7	23.1
586	430	Delta†	536	-2	3.8	20.5
560	400	Domino	520	...	2.0	23.0
78	63	Dowding Mills	69	...	4.6	25.2
1635	1220	Druck	1468	...	0.9	27.3
3756¼	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3190⅞	-65⅞	1.7	54.8
38½	21	Eness	38½	...	...	...
4040¼	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3693⅞	+134⅞	1.0	32.0
56	36	Eurocopy	64	...	3.5	18.9
451	343	Eurotherm	391	-1	1.6	23.2
402	334½	Faery Group	391	+2	2.0	20.7
283	180	Forward Gp	202	+3	3.4	12.3
58	14½	Forward Tech	42	...	2.2	6.7
353½	268½	GEC	272	-4½	5.0	13.7
191	104	Gestetner	109	...	2.8	...
191	119	Gresby	145	...	3.2	13.6
193	121	Ind Control	135	+2	4.6	11.4
365	325½	Kenwood Appl▲	332	+1	3.5	15.2
890	730	Kershaw (A)	890	...	3.0	41.0
165	38	Kode	55	-2	9.1	...
55	45	LPA Ind	46	...	4.3	...
320	250	MTL Inst	303	-1	1.8	18.3
281	210	Memory-Sa	280	...	2.0	20.3
45	31	Microvitec	35½	+	...	...
494	185	Mitel	215	-1	...	...
148	109	Murray Ent	117	...	2.3	...
31	19	Ordis	21	+1	3.7	...
91	65	Pacer Systems†	65	-1	6.8	23.5
98	74½	Pent	83	...	5.1	20.9
2175	1400	Philips Lmp nv	1937½	+21⅞	0.9	8.9
£115	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£110	...	5.2	...
358	293	Plico	353	...	1.6	24.2
344	283	Plico 'A' Vtg	332	...	1.7	22.8
140	70	Plasmec	120	...	3.9	...
129	80	Precise▼	90	...	3.9	17.3
43¼	17¼	Prestwick	25	...	...	...
303	181	Psion	263	-1	1.4	17.7
261	187	Racal Elect	225	-4	2.4	18.5
53	33	Radamec†	47	...	5.1	12.9
311	228	Rexbow	235	...	2.4	17.2
89	15	Scantronic	39	...	5.3	...
49	34	Silverscreen	38	...	2.8	21.4
94	62	Soundtracks	82	...	4.6	14.1
104	41	Sim Bus	44	...	10.6	6.8
19	10	TDS Circuits	18	-½	...	...
3225	2265½	TDK	3046¾	+25	1.1	...
170	77	Telemetrix	79	...	1.6	10.1
101	51	TBI	94	...	2.7	17.5
344	191	Telspec	334	-2	0.9	40.4
246	133	Thorpe FW	233	...	1.7	17.1
43	22	Total Systems	36	...	...	37.4
303	215	Tunstall	257	...	1.9	...
364	258	Unitech	354	...	2.3	27.7
16	8¾	Verity	10½	...	...	...
483	394	Volex	394	-1	5.9	17.0
200	60	Walesbourne	83	+4	...	...
158	93	Whitecroft	158	...	2.8	24.9

ENGINEERING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
186	119	AIM	167	...	3.4	44.6
136	69	APV†	64	+3	8.6	...
220	157	ASW	165	...	3.8	...
135	26¼	Aero Hamble	31	...	15.1	3.1
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	16	...	5.9	45.4
73	27½	Alvis	44	...	2.8	30.8
175	153	Ash & Lacy	154	...	5.2	15.9
553	490	Atlas Copco	545	...	5.0	18.2
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	123	...	1.5	...
61	24½	BM Gp	44½	...	...	...
40¼	26	Babcock	26¼	...	...	...
176	134	BWI†	134	-1	8.2	20.5
88	64	Baynes (Charles)	85	...	2.6	21.8
95	23	Beauford	32	...	...	...
226	112	Bilam (J)	115	...	6.8	7.2
333	282	Bodycote†	313	...	2.2	21.3
75	43	Booth Inds	66	...	...	...
20	15	Bosway	16	...	4.1	16.3
171	120	Bridport	157	...	3.2	...
578½	386½	Br Aerospace▼	440	-6	2.6	38.6
172¾	121½	Br Steel†	157	-1½	2.8	19.0
125	86½	Bronsgrove Ind	90	...	6.2	11.4
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	12½	...	...	...
186	135	Bullough	158	+4	4.8	26.0
79	55	Bumfield	71	...	3.3	30.5
22	14	CI Group†	15	...	2.5	...
293	247	Carclo Eng	252	...	4.5	16.6
155	110	Castings	145	+4	2.6	17.7
230	155	Chamberlin Hill†	155	...	5.4	9.8
350	272	Charming	283	...	4.1	14.8
206½	180	Clyde Blowers†	181	...	2.1	...
290	235	Cobham	332	...	2.9	16.6
698	403	Cohen (A)	540	...	0.8	...
263	178	Concentric	186	...	4.2	...
310	240	Cook (Wm)†	242	...	3.9	11.4
296	198	David Brown	226	...	4.5	15.9
97	70	Dobson Park	79	...	5.8	15.6
442	364	EST	388	...	4.0	15.6
101	59	Elliott (B)†	100	...	2.5	15.0
118	60	Expamet	90	...	3.6	68.8
212	156	FKI†	162	+1	3.2	18.7
138	109	Fenner†	130	...	1.3	...
45	31	Feruan	31	...	...	...
78	74	GEI Intl	75	...	4.2	20.8
134	81	Glynn Engt	124	...	4.7	...
404	321	Glynwed†	345	...	4.2	20.2
14½	10	Graystone†	13	...	2.3	11.0
85	61	Haden MacLn	67	...	3.7	17.3
136	90	Hadleigh	125	+4	2.5	14.5
320	143	Hall Eng	165	+1	6.1	12.9
256	204	Halma	221½	-2½	1.3	26.0
73	47	Hampson Ind	56	...	4.6	10.6
161	122	Harris (Phillip)	143	+1	6.1	17.4
48	26	Hay (Norman)	28	...	...	...
184½	137	Hill & Smith	140	...	5.2	15.2
63	39	Hopkinsons	53	...	3.1	...
41	27	How Gp	34	...	2.8	...
103	78	Howden	86	...	3.5	14.1
265	167	Hunting†	171½	...	7.3	24.5
513	402	Hunting Tec	433	...	1.5	20.2
379	266	IMI	317	-3	4.0	26.9
51	33½	Johnson & FB	37½	...	1.2	...
628	488	Johnson Math	558	...	2.8	20.7
32	25	Jones Stephen	30	...	...	...
320	230	Kelsey Ind	300	...	3.3	...
255	205	Lincat	255	...	3.4	15.9
20½	13½	Locker (T) At	13½	...	3.7	...
49	38	ML Hldgs	38	...	3.8	13.1
67	26	MS Intl	26	...	12.0	15.7
179	128	Mang Bronze†	140	-1	3.6	10.9
539	412	McKechnie†	431	-1	4.3	25.3
120	71½	Meggitt†	80	...	6.1	12.9
120	101	Metalrax	105	...	4.4	17.4
133	99	Metsec†	131	...	2.9	18.2
589	510	Molins	519	-3	3.9	10.3
408	310	Morgan Crble†	324½	-3½	4.9	15.8
217	176	Morris Ashby	208	...	3.6	...
51	34	Neepsend	36	...	4.4	16.6
128	53	Neolectrics	63	...	6.1	11.5
80	45	Newmark (L)	45	...	...	...
59¾	39	Oliii Ind▼	39	-1	5.6	...
358	277	Oxford Inst	336	...	1.9	19.7
341	218	Powerscreen	273	+1	3.5	11.4
23½	13½	Prospect Inds	14	...	7.9	...
108	60	Radiant Metal	73	...	...	...
71	13	Ransomes	62½	-½	...	...
95	70	Record	84	...	5.4	18.9
281	247½	Renishaw†	275	...	3.0	23.2
186	126	Renold	185	+1	2.0	25.6
73	51	Richard (Leics)	51	...	5.5	36.5
104½	77	Richardson West	77	-1	5.3	16.9
304	161	Rolls-Royce†	170	-2½	3.6	31.0
195	155	Rotork	170	...	3.2	17.3
180	134	Rubicon	137	...	4.2	16.5
150½	72	Senior Eng	81	-2	5.3	13.2
270	245	Severnside	266	...	3.1	28.4
630	500	Simon	568	-2	2.5	18.0
130½	75	Simon Eng	87	...	...	...
82	35	Six Hundred†	75	+1	...	25.9
1459⅝	1071½	SKF 'B'	1134⅞	-15⅞	...	...
527¼	411	Smiths Ind†	452	...	3.6	17.4
465	337	Spirax-Sarco†	459	-3	2.7	19.5
267	197	Sterling Ind	230	-1	3.8	14.7
455	343	TI	374	-2	3.8	20.7
121	92	Tinsley (E)	117	...	6.0	19.0
185	45	Transfer Tech†	61	...	6.8	8.7
163	126	Triplex Lloyd	127	...	6.9	...
18½	12	Utd Inds▼	17	...	0.7	...
1548	980	VSEL	1532	-10	2.9	14.4
31½	12	Vernon	16	...	...	...
204	153	Vickers	184	-½	2.4	19.5
327	234	Victaulic	235	...	4.3	12.0
19	9¼	Villiers Gp	10½	...	...	...
522	451	Vinten†	519	+1	2.9	13.6
805	681	Vosper Thornyt	738	...	3.2	16.0
527	451	Wagon Ind	459	...	5.0	23.0
354¼	246½	Weir	276	-6	3.0	16.5
41	37½	Wellman	41	...	2.7	66.8
548	375	Westland	375	-3	3.5	13.8
264	90	Whessoe	103	...	10.0	7.9

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	31	AAF Inds	34	...	...	...
160	108	Airflow Streamt	159	...	3.1	15.6
639	474	Avon Rubber	520	-2	4.9	22.6
236	173	BBA	204	+1	2.4	...
86½	58½	BSG†	68	...	6.9	36.3
18½	8½	Benson Group	8½	-½	4.9	11.7
306	186	Bostrom†	286	...	2.5	17.0
26½	17	Boustead	23	...	4.4	...
22	11½	Cowdale	13½	...	1.4	13.7
332	275	ERF	324	...	0.8	...
346	296	First Tech	330	...	1.3	19.0
660	510½	GKN	626	+2½	4.7	38.6
4387¼	2337½	General Mtrt	2431¼	-18⅞	2.1	...
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1089½	-2½	0.4	...
432¼	331	Laird▼	343	...	4.0	16.6
350	233	Leadas	350	...	...	...
239	158	Lucas†	206	-½	4.2	...
64	53	Mayflower	63	...	3.3	21.6
124	69	Midstates	71	...	...	9.9
178	149	Syltone	183	...	3.9	17.9
261	160	T & N	160	-6	8.5	13.9
333	263	Turner Hldgs	314	...	2.6	22.6

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	409	AB Food	542	-8	3.7	11.1
368	257	Acatos & Hutch	257	...	4.1	10.3
74	40	Albert Fisher†	45	-1	10.3	15.3
270	210	Banks (S C)	210	...	5.8	8.0
378	305	Barr (AG)	369	+1	2.3	23.8
72	35	Bensons Crsp	39	...	8.9	...
481	378	Booker†	403	-11	6.8	14.8
56¾	48	Brake	51	...	3.2	21.6
212	150	CPL Aromas	208	-1	1.8	19.6
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	427	-4½	4.5	14.1
137	143	Carrs Milling	225	...	3.5	...
167	130	Cranswick	142	-1	7.4	11.6
154	90	Dalepak	107	...	1.8	...
543	389	Dalgety†	423	-2	6.2	11.8
87	50	Daniels S	54	...	0.7	...
294	210	Devro	224	-4	3.5	15.1
101	52	Everest†	85	...	4.8	24.4
8½	5	Fantagold	8	...	...	...
85	66	Finlay (James)†	69	...	7.5	9.4
20½	13	Global	14	...	4.5	12.8
68	38	Grand Central	48	...	...	...
194	104	Hazlewood Fds	115	+3	7.3	7.2
196½	151	Hillsdown†	162	-3	6.6	11.5
25	16	Holtons	23½	...	...	...
111	91	JLI Group	92	...	6.7	12.7
408	313	Linton Park	365	...	6.0	10.4
137	85	Matthews (B)	120	...	2.8	14.4
181	160	Man ED & F	168	...	6.4	9.2
246	205	Nichols (JN)	238	...	3.1	15.3
271½	193	Nthn Foods	205	-1	5.5	10.3
14	9	Nutrition Fn	11	...	...	...
46	26	Pascoe's	28	...	...	...
81	62	Perkins Food	69	...	8.1	11.6
96	73	Sentry Farm	83	...	3.4	8.4
122	71	Sims Food†	83	...	11.3	...
487½	392	Tate & Lyle	418	-3	4.4	9.4
238	145	Trout	210	-2	2.4	17.1
434½	323	Unigate†	335	-5	6.6	9.5
1247	858	Unilever†	1114	-10	2.9	18.0
8118⅛	6456½	Unilever (NV)	7112½	+9⅞	3.0	14.5
398	293½	Utd Biscuits†	316	-1	6.1	25.8
21	6	Usborne	7	...	...	...
46	33	West Trust	35	...	10.1	24.2
133	99	Yorkshire Food	113	...	3.6	13.3

HEALTHCARE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
544	325	AAH	336	-46	6.8	11.8
1141	865	Amersham†	866	-14	2.3	18.1
81	43	Amigen	52	...	...	...
297¼	212	Assoc Nursg	215	...	1.2	12.6
393	243	Bespak	274	...	4.7	14.1
10	6	Care UK	6½	...	...	...
115	60	Celsis	72	...	...	...
181	86	Chiroscience	82	...	...	...
47	40½	Cortecs	43	...	...	...
297	232	Community H	244	...	4.0	14.1
44	30	CrestaCare	31	...	3.1	...
146	95	Environmed	123	-6	1.6	...
110	82	Fairfax Group	88	...	3.2	...
171	134	Goldsborough	142	...	2.9	15.5
15½	8	Greenacre	10	...	4.2	13.3
185	39	Intercare Gp	40	-1	10.9	4.3
325	283	Isotron	285	...	2.1	...
171	107	Life Sciences	144	...	3.6	14.3
152¼	74	Lon Intl	83	-1	...	...
80	42	Nesco-BMA	47	...	8.4	11.6
3	1¼	Premier Health	1½	...	...	...
330	227	Quality Care	260	...	2.2	15.1
210	145	Scholl	146	...	5.5	14.0
363	275¼	Seton Health▼	323	-2	2.6	16.5
83	44	Shield Diag	58	...	...	...
159½	136½	Smith & Nephew	149½	-2	4.2	16.6
21	9	Specialeyes	9	...	...	...
292	192	Takare	205	...	1.3	17.9
313	248	UniChem▼	247	-6	3.4	14.1
400	294	West Hillcare	338	+1	1.7	...

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

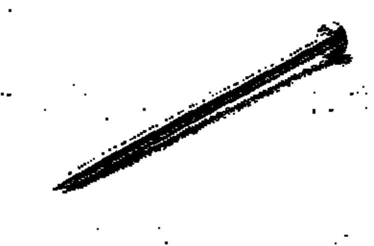
1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312	223	Airsprung	242	-1	2.5	15.1
193	115	BLP Group	160	...	0.8	43.9
38	26	Bishop Bearer	37	...	...	...
167	91	Crown Ptr 'A'	91	...	7.8	28.4
285	180	Craighton NI	180	...	5.3	12.7
162	133	Darby Group	156	+1	2.6	17.9
168	113	Gassell	140	...	3.8	...
14	4½	Lionheart	5	...	5.0	...
231	166	Maybom	190	...	3.9	12.6
335	250	Dollamore Ind	254	+3	5.1	11.5
430	230	Osborne & Little	418	...	2.3	12.6
625	428	Paterson Zoch	449	...	3.9	13.0
595	413	Paterson Zch 'A'	419	...	4.1	12.1
714½	528	Reckitt Colm▼	550	-10	4.1	13.9
291	211	Relyon	251	+1	2.7	45.8
378	194	Silentnight†	206	...	4.9	12.9
46	32	Stoddard	33½	...	6.1	12.3
330	213	Toodiranges	216	...	6.9	...
160	125	Victoria Carpet	141	...	4.8	7.6
114	97	Walker Greenbk†	108	+1	4.0	18.9
63	44	Wharf Widged	59	...	...	46.0
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1493½	837½	Alex & Alext	1200	-12½	5.6	...
2043½	1587½	Am Genl	1656¼	...	4.5	...
112	84½	Angerstein	85	...	1.6	78.3
86	47	Archer	59	...	2.1	...
165	85	Bradstock	91	...	7.6	10.4
550	370	Britannic	403	-5	4.0	...
117	68½	CLM Insce	98	-1	1.8	...
701½	481	Com Union	523	-13	6.1	19.7
108	86	Dalton	98	...	0.6	...
1850	1660	Dom & Gen	1655	...	2.1	17.7
64	31	FAI	38	...	1.4	...
221½	145	FBD R	165	+½	4.2	7.7
194	140	Fenchurch Grp	159	-1	6.5	...
114	89	Finsbury Undr	93½	-1	1.7	84.2
757	525	Gen Accident†	525	-8	6.6	8.5
247	161	GRE†	174	-3	5.6	19.5
105	80	HCB Lloyds	94	...	1.7	79.2
457	211	Heath C E†	246	...	8.1	...
245½	187½	Hibernian R	191½	+¼	5.1	7.2
114	86	Hiscox Select	105	...	1.8	...
323	236½	Independent	242	+2	4.5	6.6
241	176	Irish Life	185	...	6.3	17.3
203	118	JIB Group	120	...	7.8	11.0
547	407	Legal & Genrl	430	-5	6.0	17.1
1471½	965½	Liberty Life†	1418½	-18½	7.4	5.4
119	91	London Ins Mkt	104	...	2.4	35.0
310	157	Lloyd Thomp	165	...	5.8	11.6
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	326½	-1½	7.1	9.9
165	159	Lombard Ins	177	...	5.4	16.9
443	304	Londo & Man	304	-3	6.6	15.1
119	91	London Ins Mkt	104	...	2.4	35.0
236	155	Lowndes Lamb	174	...	5.7	10.6
5883½	4531¼	Marsh McLn	4612½	-125	4.0	...
110	84	Medical	84	...	...	...
188	142	Nelson Hurst	175	...	4.0	17.5
108	75	New London Cap	88	...	0.7	...
129½	107	Ockelt	107	...	5.8	...
124	78½	Premium Trust	80	...	3.1	...
124	101½	Pantheon	112	...	...	...
323	271	Prudential	314	-7	5.4	13.5
83	31	PWS	36	...	10.4	...
404	255	Refuge†	255	-3	5.7	18.8
350	232½	Royal	285	-9½	3.9	5.9
222	130	Sedgwick	150	-1	5.0	17.0
155	104	Siem Bupa	120	...	9.4	...
97	54	Sturge Hldgs	77	...	4.8	...
418	285	Sun Alliance†	310	-13	6.0	8.6
107	81	Syndicate Cap	90	...	1.7	71.7
95	51	Trade Indemnity	60	...	1.9	13.4
464	332	Transatlantic	340	+1	4.4	30.8
673	493	Utd Friendly	450	-3	4.8	28.1
245	130	Willis Corroon†	142	-1	5.8	18.8
28	20	Windsor	24	...	...	18.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
338	280	3i	334	-2	2.8	...
105½	79½	Abtrust Emerg	84	-1	0.3	...
102	84	Abtrust High Inc	84	...	8.5	...
260	205	Abtrust N Dawn	218	-1	0.5	...
2056	1703	Alliance	1746	-19	3.4	...
293	248½	American Trust	261	-2½	2.8	...
475	401	Anglo & O'seas	412	-6	2.2	...
196	141	Baillie Gifford SN	148	...	...	...
219	173	Bankers	183½	-2½	2.6	...
78¾	43¼	Baring Em Eu	45½	+¼	8.3	...
381	311	Baring Tribune	323	-1	2.6	...
246	198	Berry Starq	223	...	1.2	...
215	158	Brit Inv	158	...	...	...
120½	91	Br Assets†	93½	-1½	5.8	...
98	89	Br Empire Sect	92	-½	1.3	...
46	31	Br Empire Wts	36	...	...	...
234	188	Br Invt	206	-1	3.0	...
100½	83½	Brunner	100½	-¼	8.3	...
272	221	Buxton	235	...	2.8	...
161	117	BZW Conv	128½	-½	7.6	...
363	310	Candover	333	+3	4.2	...
65	50	Central Euro Grth	53	...	...	...
271	173	China & Eastern	173	-2	2.8	...
222	186½	Cont Asset	188	...	2.0	...
95	80	Dares Inv Inc	80	...	12.4	...
328	268	Derby Cap	285	...	...	...
173	147	Derby Inc	160	...	12.3	...
100	73	Drayton Blue	76	...	14.4	...
111	84	Dryle Eng Idt	96	...	1.9	...
156	128	Dryfe Far East	138½	-1½	0.6	...
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	693	...	5.2	...
108	85	Dunedin Japan	89½	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	303	...	3.7	...
80	35	Dunedin Wts	37	...	...	...
827	725	Dunedin Wwde	748	-4	1.6	...
122	92½	Edin Dragon	108½	-1	...	...
53½	42½	Edinburgh Incap†	49	...	0.1	...
360	261	Edinburgh†	301	-5	3.7	...
179	138	EFM Japan	160	-1	...	...
354	298	Electra Inv	322	...	2.8	...
229	185	Electric Gen	193½	-½	2.1	...
201	169	Eng & Caledon	181	...	2.8	...
127	106	English Scot	112	...	...	...
345	285	European Assets	285	-1	2.9	...
174	145	Fidelity Euro Val	155	...	0.2	...
103½	81	Fidelity Jap Val	88	...	...	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'†	156	...	2.4	...
163	69	First Spanish	69½	...	0.4	...
343	276½	Fleming Amer	284	-2	0.5	...
145	75	Fleming Chinese†	78½	...	0.8	...
92	32	Fleming Cn Wts	35	...	...	...
287	186	Fleming Claver†	205	-1	3.4	...
385	302½	Fleming Cont	310	-1	0.9	...
210¾	159	Fleming Em Mkt	187½	-7½	...	...
264	190	Fleming Ent	207	...	2.9	...
459	327	Fleming F East	345	-2	0.5	...
422	350	Fleming Fledg	357	+1	1.1	...
120	89	Fleming Hi Inct	95	...	5.9	...
108	90	Fleming Indian	97	...	0.6	...
64	42	Fleming In Wts	51	...	...	...
52⅛	36	Fleming Intl	37	...	12.1	...
294	223	Fleming Japan	250	-1	...	...
347	269½	Fleming Merc	282	-½	3.0	...
347¼	280½	Fleming Ovsas	288	-3	1.8	...
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	132½	-1½	1.7	...
106	93	For & Col Inc Gwth†	93	-1	1.9	...
148	106½	Fgn Eng Mkts	128	+1	...	...
77	84½	Fgn Enterprise	71½	-½	1.1	...
361	216	Fgn Eurotrust	222	-1	0.7	...
145	114	Fgn German	118	...	0.5	...
374	305	Fgn Pacific	307	-3	1.0	...
144	116	Fgn PEP†	122	...	3.6	...
182	159½	Fgn Smaller	164½	...	1.5	...
120	91	Fgn US Smlr	99	...	...	...
29½	21½	Fulcrum Cap	25	...	...	...
54	46	Fulcrum Inc†	45	...	23.5	...
142½	134½	Fulcrum Zero	139	...	...	...
213	191	Gartmore Brit	191	...	2.4	...
151	124	Gartmore Europ†	130	...	0.9	...
130	88	Gartmore Smlrt	88	...	14.0	...
128	103	Gartmore Inc Inv	103	...	10.1	...
200	149	Gart Cons Cap	150	-1	...	...
115½	104	Gart Inc†	105	...	10.4	...
106	88	Gartmore Inv	90	-1	0.1	...
325	214	Gov Asian Sm Co's	237	...	0.1	...
151	104	Gov Eurp Mkts	119	...	0.3	...
191	136	Govett Am Smlr	142	...	...	...
86½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	85	...	...	...
112	78	Govett High Inc	85	-1	7.0	...
429	349	Govett Orientl†	392	-2	0.4	...
346	231	Govett Strategict	239	-4	3.5	...
475	410	Greenfriar	412	...	2.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...
303	227	GT Japan	235	...	0.7	...
155	119	H Govett Smllr Cot	122	...	1.6	...
136	113	Hend High	116	...	6.1	...
293	257	Hend Strata	281	...	0.5	...
105	88	Herald	88	...	...	...
116	88½	HTR Jap Smaller	104½	-½	0.5	...
27	13	I&S Ent	15	...	...	...
119	94	I&S UK Smllr†	107	...	3.3	...
158	119½	Inv Capt	118½	-½	5.4	...
99	86	Inv Biotech	94	-1	...	...
30	30	Inv Wts	34	-1	...	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	150½	-1	...	...
122	88½	J Fry 2nd Ut	91	...	8.8	...
100	94	J Fry Eng U	85	...	6.3	...
255	187	JF Fledg Jap	223	...	...	...
121	106	Jupiter Ind Gn	106	...	4.0	...
243	195	Klwt Cart	202	-1	3.2	...
149	115	Klwt E Mkt	125	...	...	...
124	105	Klwrt End	110	...	1.3	...
88½	75½	Klwrt Euro Pvt	78	...	...	...
49	23½	Klwrt Euro Wts	26	...	...	...
116	81	Klwrt H Inct	83	...	11.5	...
272½	225	Klwrt O'seas	233	-2½	1.8	...
165	126	Klwrt Smlr	136	...	3.1	...
201	129½	Latin American	150	-1½	...	...
826	672	Law Debenture	733	-1	3.3	...
129	95	Lazard H Inc	98	...	8.2	...
97	79	Lloyds Sm Cap	81	...	...	...
35	28½	Lloyds Sm Div	28½	...	15.6	...
129	107	Lloyds Sm Ptg	118	...	4.0	...
174	141	Lon St Lawrence	159	...	4.9	...
247	201	Lon & Strathclyde†	203	...	3.5	...
108	81	Lon Smaller Co's†	86	...	4.5	...
334	265	Lowland†	286	+1	4.1	...
1440¼	887½	Lyndeburg	1387½	...	1.7	...
620	495	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	535	...	...	...
151	127	M&G 2nd Dual Inc	135	...	22.2	...
2773	2440	M&G Dual Cap	2615	-5	...	...
353	285	M&G Dual Inc	295	...	29.8	...
77	54	M&G Inc Geared†	65	-1	9.3	...
34½	26½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	28½	-	...	...
45	37	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc†	37	...	18.8	...
137	117	M&G Inc Package†	118½	+½	5.2	...
59	50	M&G Inc Zero Div	54½	...	...	...
36½	27½	M&G Rec Cap	31	...	...	...
72½	62	M&G Rec Geared†	62	...	7.8	...
37½	31	M&G Rec Inc†	31	-½	15.6	...
151	120	M&G Rec Pacgrt	130	...	3.7	...
80½	66	M&G Rec Zero Div	72½	+	...	...
128	99	M Currie Euro	104	...	0.3	...
180	133	M Currie Pac	137	...	0.3	...
227	190	Majedie†	197	...	3.2	...
57	44	Maxcell	57	...	...	...
125	96	Merc Wld Mg	98	...	...	...
324	237	Merchants	263½	-4	5.3	...
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pr	84½	...	0.9	...
45	28	Mercury Wts	29	...	...	...
52½	34	Mercury Wld Wts	35	...	...	...
595	482	Monks Inv Tst	522	-3	1.7	...
156	126	Morg Grn Inct	130	-1	4.6	...
64	43	Morg Wts	45	...	...	...
111	87	Morg Latn Amer	99	...	...	...
65	39	Morg Wts	57½	...	...	...
148	109	Murray Ent	117	...	2.3	...
69	54	Murray Euro	58	...	0.6	...
393	317	Murray Income	331	-5	4.5	...
395	318	Murray Intl	331	-3	4.8	...
192	153	Murray S/C DP	160½	-½	...	...
174	133	Murray S/C Cap	133	-4	...	...
87	80½	Murray S/C Inct	81	...	16.4	...
3400	2850	Murray S/C Ulst	3050	...	4.3	...
548	424	Murray Smalt	477	-2	1.1	...
383	302½	Murray Vent	307	-1	4.7	...
58	32	Murray Ent Wts	33	...	...	...
23½	18	Murray En Wts	16½	...	...	...
58	15	Newcastle	15	...	...	...
95	60	Nthng Inc	60	...	9.0	...
104	65	Nthng Grp	73	-1	...	...
494	393	O'seas Inv Tst	353	-2	1.2	...
241	179	O'seas Wts	200	...	...	...
840½	433	Pacific Assets	524	-4	0.3	...
542	335	Pacific Wts	430	-5	...	...
120	89	Perpetual Jap	98	...	...	...
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8700	...	2.8	...
153	124	Pilot Inst	128	-1	1.5	...
96	91	Piper Euro Sm	91	...	...	...
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	180	-2	1.0	...
38	27½	River Merc Am Cap	27½	...	...	...
131	103	River Merc Am Inc	103	...	9.6	...
17	11	River Merc Am Wts	11	-½	...	...
150	117	River Merc Cap	117	-1	...	...
147	91	River Merc Ex Inct	92	...	10.8	...
49	14	River Merc Ex Instlt	17	...	...	...
116	82	River Merc Gld Inct	83	...	11.3	...
35	23	River Merc Gld Prt	26	-½	...	...
127	111	River Merc Tst Inct	111	...	10.4	...
40	22	River Merc Wt	23	...	...	...
170	118	River Merc Sm Co	124	...	4.2	...
77	31	River Merc Sm Wt	32	...	...	...
448	405	Robeco	409	...	3.1	...
463	415	Rolinco	417	...	1.9	...
98	62	Schrod Jap Gwth	67	...	...	...
52	38½	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	39	...	...	...
1112½	781½	Schrod Korea Fd	877½	-1	8.1	...
650½	411	Sch Korea Fd Wt	462½	...	...	...
113½	103	Sch Spl Zero Div	108	+½	...	...
37	27½	Sch Split Fd Cap	31	...	...	...
129	108	Sch Split Fd Inct	112	-1	8.3	...
99	86	Schrod UK Gwth	96	-½	...	...
42	33	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	38	...	...	...
262½	208	Scot	211	-4	3.1	...
183	150½	Scot Americant	154½	-1½	3.9	...
388	238	Scot Asian	277	-7	...	...
1070	663	Scot Wts	745	...	...	...
97½	77	Scot Eastern	81½	-1½	3.4	...
264½	205	Scot Mtgert	218	-5	2.4	...
106½	91½	Scot Natl Tst	92½	-½	10.1	...
133½	104	Scot Value†	105	-1	2.4	...
1795	1507	Second Allianc	1522	-8	3.4	...
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scott	81	-2	5.0	...
179	148	Selective Asset	156	...	1.2	...
161	128	SHIRESCOTT	132	...	5.1	...
51½	34	Sphere Inv	35	...	13.8	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	304	-1	3.2	...
412	310	Temple Bar	343	-3	5.0	...
135	102	Thmn Asian E	106	...	0.6	...
568	468	Thmn Dual Cp	493	...	...	...
101	77½	Throgmorton	74	-½	3.9	...
164½	116	Triplex Eng Mkt	125	...	0.7	...
177½	133½	TR City Of Lon	147½	-2	4.4	...
205	148	TR Far East†	159	-1	4.7	...
124½	86	TR Pacific	114	-1	0.2	...
43½	32	TR Property†	33	-½	3.4	...
228	179	TR Smlr Cos	188	-½	2.5	...
152	106	TR Tech Inv	112	...	2.0	...
405	198	Trustee Trust	210	-1	1.8	...
289	233	USDC Invest	238	...	2.4	...
129	108½	Value Inc Tst†	118	...	4.4	...
109	85	Wigmore†	87	...	0.9	...
257½	205	Witan	228½	-2	3.2	...
113	104	Yeoman Inv	107	...	17.0	...



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LEISURE & HOTELS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
131	81	1st Choice	119	...	3.7	...
40	26	Abdn Sth H	32	...	...	...
578¼	416	Airtours	444	-4	2.6	15.4
48½	18	Ald Leis	18	...	...	...
177	135	Alpha Airpts	141	+2	3.6	...
48	38	Arcadian	40	...	...	...
131	85	Baldwin	115	...	3.8	19.8
333	242	Bar & W 'A'	242	-12	5.2	10.1
350	135½	Bluebird Toys	235	...	3.2	7.0
365	231	Boosey Hwks	340	+2	1.9	20.1
7¼	2¼	Brent Walker	3	...	...	...
200	100	Bristol Scotts†	183	...	2.0	...
7¼	1¾	Buckingham Int	1¾	...	...	...
247	114	Chrysalis	243	...	1.7	...
94	74	City Centre Rest	79	...	2.8	16.0
374	305	Compass Gp	339	+2	2.5	20.0
290	232	Eurocamp	254	...	4.8	10.5
213	78	Euro Disney	105	...	...	...
4	2	Euro Leisure	2½	...	...	...
455	308	Fairline Boats	434	...	3.4	30.2
350	245	First Leisure	258	-1	3.2	17.2
285	209½	Partart	234	-2	4.0	27.7
207	168	Friendly Hotels†	178	...	4.0	29.8
79	49	Gh Hldgs†	55	...	2.5	...
596	475	Granada	510	-11½	2.5	16.4
96	34	Hi-Tec Sports†	40	-1	8.7	5.9
216	178	Hornby	184	...	6.1	16.1
173¼	142½	Jurys Hotel	159	-2½	4.4	14.2
18¼	11¼	Kunick	13¼	...	...	...
281	202	London Clubs	279	-1	5.3	14.2
217½	145	Ladbroke†	157	-3	3.8	27.7
104	65	Magnolia	66	...	0.2	...
702	538	Man Utd	615	...	4.3	...
109¼	68	Mandarin Orntl	68½	-½	4.7	17.9
15	13¼	My Kinda Town	13¼	...	...	...
67	34	Northern†	67	...	5.8	11.1
102	65½	Pelican Gp	90	...	1.7	18.8
141	109	PizzaExpress	122	...	2.0	18.8
183	111	Prism Leisure	111	...	4.7	7.8
43	23	Quadrant Grp	23	...	...	...
278	205	Ransomes (R)	259	...	2.2	38.1
447¼	355½	Rank Org	412½	+½	3.8	26.5
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels (£)	27	...	4.8	15.4
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	920	...	0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	87	...	1.7	31.3
350	295½	Stanley Leisure	337	...	1.9	19.0
345¼	280	Tarpong	280	...	0.7	15.7
1165	959	Thorn EMI	994	-8	4.4	18.8
167	75	Tottenham Hot	143	...	0.9	38.4
159	128	VCI	158	...	1.7	14.1
149	112	Vardon	125	+1	1.2	22.1
18	5½	Wembley	6	...	...	...
149	110	Zetters Gp	135	...	7.9	...

MEDIA

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
385	279	Abbott Mead	344	...	2.1	31.1
355	198	Adscene	290	...	2.8	30.8
33	17½	Anglia Gp	28½	+½	...	...
11½	5½	Allied Radio	5½	...	...	...
28	15	BBB Design	15	...	...	7.7
235	180	Barbour Index	180	...	5.9	15.6
13½	6	Birkdale	6	-½	...	...
345	320	Black (A&C)	320	...	5.3	11.6
402	213	Blenheim Gpt	249	-4	5.2	9.3
205	133	Border TV	176	-1	2.9	14.6
413	365	Bristol	376	-1	4.2	25.7
169	117½	CIA Gp	133	...	1.6	21.5
438	325½	Capital Radio	338	+1	2.7	...
1047	797	Carlton Comm	863	-14	2.8	19.1
99	78	City of Lon	92	...	6.8	14.0
1650	1108	Daily Mail	1350½	...	1.4	31.8
1484⅝	868½	Daily Mail 'A'	993½	-3½	1.9	23.2
314	260	Dorling Kndt	281	...	1.4	31.2
469	355	EMAP†	395	-1	2.8	21.8
852¼	598	Elsevier	620	-8½	3.0	30.5
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1650	...	3.3	...
17½	8	Finch	12	...	...	...
485	302	Flextech	480	...	...	...
1083	875	GWR Gp	868	...	1.5	31.5
275	183	Gold Greenlees	183	-2	4.1	18.7
34	22½	Goodhead	26	+2	0.2	...
356	228	Grampian†	329	...	3.0	17.5
172	106	HTV Group	133	...	1.6	29.7
194	32	Harrington K	40	+1	3.1	...
515	328	Haynes Pub	340	...	3.3	20.2
485	328	Hodder H'ltn	335	...	2.0	54.5
180	120	Home Counts	163	...	3.8	40.0
340	273½	Independent	288	+5	2.5	10.1
237	161	Intl Bus Comm	224	...	2.0	10.9
182	119	Interimage	134	...	7.3	...
167½	137½	Johnston Press	135	+2	1.5	21.8
33½	20½	Lopex	21	...	1.5	23.7
110	43	MAID	45	...	...	86.3
495	338	Metal Bulletin	495	...	2.8	25.7
177½	108	Midland Ind	114	...	3.1	15.6
203	123	Mirror Gp	132	-2	0.9	7.2
431	344	Mom O'Ferrall	358½	+1½	4.6	20.8
343	242½	News Corp	253	-4	0.6	15.6
314	224	News Intl	229	-3	0.8	12.2
60	29	Osprey Comm†	29	...	...	...
795	552	Pearson	601	-13	2.8	20.7
440	207	Photolab	232	...	...	...
780	605	Portsmth Sundt	608	...	2.3	12.5
339	251	Quarto	254	...	3.0	13.7
864	722	Reed Intl	785	-14	3.1	23.7
539⅝	484	Reuters	490	-1	1.7	24.5
178	127	Saatchi	154	+1	...	30.0
628	395	Scot Radio	575	...	2.3	22.5
574	355	Scot TV	425	-3	3.7	28.5
48½	20½	SelecTV	24½	...	...	...
87	20½	Shandwick	44	-½	1.2	6.6
252	187	Southnews†	242½	...	1.7	24.3
200	135	Sterling Pub	135	-1	3.3	11.5
153	117	Sunset & Vine	121	...	4.1	...
40½	25½	Taylor Nelson†	35½	...	2.2	21.4
622	310	Telegraph	351	+1	4.6	12.4
885	695	Thomson Corpt	735	-10	5.1	36.7
472	369	Trinity Intl	379	...	3.4	17.0
760	518	Ulster TV	683	-2	3.0	31.0
731	479	Utd Newspapst	499	-10	5.7	12.1
161	113	VTR†	113	...	4.4	12.1
36½	19½	WMGO	19½	-1	6.6	9.8
129	83½	WPP	113	-1	1.1	16.2
400	150	Yorkshire TV	387	+1	...	...

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115	65	Alex Corp	100	...	3.4	6.6
3883½	1762½	Ang Am Coalt	3893½	...	2.6	19.4
3798½	2505½	Ang Am	3586⅛	-53⅞	2.1	31.8
7331¼	4550¼	Ang Am Gold†	6284⅞	-118⅞	4.3	16.4
35	25	Anglo Pac Res	27	...	...	...
1572½	1195½	Ashanti	1346½	-12½	...	...
166	117	Ashton	119	-1	4.6	...
980	773½	Broken Hill	936	+17	2.3	36.8
404	230	Ballychulf	255	+25	...	...
481	294½	Beatrix	422½	-½	4.2	23.7
35	34	Bisichi	35	...	2.4	30.2
184	90½	Blyvoors	100⅞	-3½	...	...
64	30	Bougainville	41	...	...	...
37	12½	Bracken	21½	...	...	...
888	568	Buffels	558⅞	-16⅞	9.8	...
6	2½	Bute	2½	...	...	...
968	745½	CRA	890	+12	2.5	26.9
77	42	Central Pacific	46	+2	...	...
55½	36	Chill Res	43	+1	...	...
142	28½	Coal Inv	85	...	...	...
300	65	Cons Murchison	207	...	3.0	...
1750	1318½	De Beers	1375	-25	3.9	14.4
148	88	Doornkop	94⅞	-3⅞	3.8	8.2
101¼	30½	Doornfontein	51⅞	...	...	...
1036½	665½	Driefontein	913⅞	-29	4.7	13.3
941¼	549½	Durban	622⅞	-16⅞	...	...
209½	107	E Rand Gold†	151⅞	-⅛	13.6	4.9
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	75⅞	-8	...	...
75	48	Eastern Trans	70	...	3.3	16.7
513	300½	Elandsrand	450⅞	-½	3.6	10.3
447¼	320	Eng China Clt	336	-7	8.0	16.2
1239	741½	FS Cons†	885⅞	-29	6.6	10.9
82	27	FS Dev	70	...	1.8	...
2025	1193½	GFSA	1950	...	1.9	28.8
84½	50	GM Kalgoorli	50	...	2.8	17.9
239¼	108½	Gencor	217⅛	-9⅛	1.3	26.5
128	75	Gold Fields Prop▼	118	...	7.9	...
157	85	Gopeng	98	-5	0.3	...
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	18	-½	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	134	-½	7.1	7.0
95¼	67	Gwalia Cons	89⅞	-1½	1.1	10.5
680¼	319⅝	Harmony	509⅞	-23	...	...
430	258½	Hartebst	279½	...	...	...
1553½	831½	Impala Plat	1490⅝	-16⅞	1.7	45.7
230	122	Kalroom	135	-5	6.9	12.2
1315⅝	890⅝	Kinross	1076⅞	...	4.5	14.8
1094¼	568½	Kloof	861⅞	-29	3.7	8.9
137	69½	Leslie	99	-3½	10.9	5.7
368¼	178½	Lorraine	274⅞	-3⅛	...	...
30	17	Maelothercz	24	+2	...	...
3	2½	Mirangura	3	...	...	...
162	118	MIM	120	-2	2.0	...
1762½	1468⅝	Minorco	1469⅞	...	2.5	...
324	158	Monarch	180	+8	...	...
202¼	88	NSM	100	-1	...	9.4
201¼	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	164	+5	3.3	23.4
94	45	Orys Gold	94	...	...	...
101	65	Pancontinental	75	...	...	...
463	255	Pelaling Gn	285	...	8.6	...
199	122½	Placer Pac	168	-1	...	...
425	317	RJB	348	...	4.4	16.8
905	780	RTZ†	839	-6	3.1	23.9
49	31	Rockwood	31	...	...	...
650	187½	Rand Minest	630	...	1.7	...
840¼	547½	Randfontein	582⅞	-½	8.6	7.2
295	207	Renison	240	+1	...	...
1809⅛	1078½	Rustnbrg	1684⅞	-3½	1.8	...
112	66	St Barbara	72	...	...	...
756	526½	St Helena	526⅞	-16⅞	8.4	...
280	195	Sons Gwalia	238	...	5.1	14.9
30	16	Sthern Pacific	21	...	...	...
2887¼	1484½	Southvaal	1875	-3½	4.6	21.6
5	4	Stanton	1½	...	...	...
143	73	Stilfontein	105½	-½	20.4	3.5
261½	90	Unisel	187½	-½	3.6	12.8
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	5503⅞	-165⅞	4.7	8.9
23	7½	Wankie Col Z	14	...	8.8	3.3
545	450	Watts Blake	533	...	2.9	20.1
1213½	508¼	Western Areas	1029	-17¼	7.0	8.6
3575	2059	Western Deep	2321⅞	-115⅞	4.7	8.7
398	300½	Western Mng	377	+10	1.0	56.6
1225	603½	Winkels	798⅞	-21⅞	6.0	11.1
86	47	Zambia Copper	49	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	56	...	8.0	12.5

OIL & GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
41	24½	Aran Energy	39½	...	...	23.9
53	35	Arcon Intl	41	-1	...	...
74¼	57¼	Aus Oil & Gas	55¼	...	...	...
68	43	Awna Pet	60	...	...	...
249	197	Br Borneo	214	-1	4.1	10.0
358	253	British Gas†	305½	-3½	5.9	...
437½	340	Br Petroleum†	420	-4½	2.9	23.0
4	1¼	Bula Resources	2½	...	...	...
919	811	Burmah Castrl	818	-2	4.2	16.3
88	56	Cairn Energy	86	...	...	47.4
375	258	Calor Grp†	287	...	5.4	13.8
51	33	Clyde Pet	40	...	1.1	...
30	9¼	Coplex Res	11¼	-¼	...	...
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	2½	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	22	...	...	23.7
486	370	Enterprise	381	-4	5.2	...
26¼	21	Fairhaven Intl	25	...	4.9	10.2
303	263	Flagast	280	...	5.8	11.6
8¼	4½	Fortuna	5½	...	...	...
77	54	Goal Pet	65	...	2.8	21.6
47	31	Gt Western Res	41	...	...	...
177	137	Hardy O & G	141	...	0.9	18.0
55	40	Kell Energy	49	...	3.4	...
169	110½	Lasmo	147	+½	0.9	...
73	48	Lasmo Units	52	...	18.8	...
75	55	Monument	67	...	...	71.6
7½	3¼	New London	4¼	...	...	...
2540⅝	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2419⅞	...	1.4	...
9½	3¾	Oceanics	5	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	41	...	...	...
50½	17½	Petroz	34½	+1	...	...
168	145	Pict Pet	145	...	...	...
32½	21½	Premier	23	-½	...	12.5
158	43	Precedia	43	-30	15.5	...
111	85	Phoenix	85	...	...	...
282	129	Ramco Egy	224	-10	0.3	...
463	325	Ranger	395	-5	5.2	...
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Pt	6963⅛	-18⅞	4.6	18.1
4064½	3321½	Schlumberger	3397⅞	-93⅞	2.3	...
69	43	Scott Pictford	54	...	2.1	10.4
74	50	Seafield	73	+3	...	...
798	651	Shell	704	-11	4.4	21.3
187	116	Sovereign Eng Sv	#116	...	...	...
4237¼	3461½	Total	4000	+87½	4.4	...
19	9¼	Villiers Gp	10½	...	...	...
237	176½	Woodside	233	+4	1.7	...
110	39	XCL	53	+1	...	...

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	79	BWD	80	...	6.6	6.5
126	96	Baltic Plc	124	...	2.0	7.8
185	83	Barry Bch Mkt	83	...	7.7	12.5
154	108	Brewin Dolphin	115	...	6.3	8.5
757	623	Caledonia	645	-4	3.2	15.8
2850	1908	Camellia	2208	...	1.8	5.9
37	13½	Carlisle	#22½	...	1.4	...
638¼	443	Cater Allen	483	...	7.4	9.8
174¼	125	Cattles	142	...	4.6	15.9
85	40	Christie	40	...	...	...
80	60	Clayhithe	74	...	4.4	...
18	12	EFG	14	...	0.9	9.1
71½	49½	EFT Group	58	...	3.8	12.2
740	513	EFM	727	-1	4.1	21.8
212	167	Exco	167	-1	6.3	9.1
229	157	Gartmore	185	...	2.7	21.4
515	385	Gerrard Natl	477	...	6.3	13.8
465	333	Goren	334	...	5.5	5.5
1208	845	Henderson Admt	988	-12	5.7	13.7
251½	151	Invesco	175	-1	1.7	28.7
50	37	Investment Co.	43	...	5.2	13.5
258	185	Ivory Sime	232	...	4.0	18.1
317	193½	Jardine Strat	212½	+3½	3.9	9.5
428	133	Johnson Fry	133	-2	1.4	...
170	106	King Sturgon	113	-1	10.0	11.2
245	138	Lon Forfaiting	161	+1	7.2	10.1
119	95	Lon Scot Bt	112	...	4.0	17.0
1243	794	M & G	948	-2	3.7	19.9
343	218	MAI	227	-4	4.3	12.3
117½	85½	MAI 5.8% Cv Pft	87	...	...	...
770	598	IMAM	623	-4	4.6	14.5
25¼	8½	Nat Home Loan	15⅛	...	...	...
1268	970	Perpetual†	1070	-2	4.1	11.6
573	415	Provident	535	-3	4.1	17.0
365	247	Rathbone Brs	251	...	4.2	12.4
29	21½	Rotand Tst	25½	...	4.2	13.4
389	281½	S & U	301	...	4.5	9.6
465	175	Signet	183	+2	6.2	6.7
188	116	SJP Capital†	118	...	3.2	8.4
498	324	Smith New Crt	378	...	3.3	3.2
604	419½	Swire Pacific 'A'	419½	-8	2.2	...
224	78	Towry Law	78	...	7.3	6.7
65	25	Tms Hldgs	28	...	7.2	11.8
199	87	Union	92	...	6.1	8.5
31	20	Western Selectn	25	...	1.2	...

PHARMACEUTICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311½	Brit Biotech	570	-3	...	...
488	393	Carlab Pharms	393	...	...	...
241	191	Celltech	239	+2	...	...
151	88	Chiroscience	92	...	...	...
47	40½	Cortecs	47	...	...	...
157	107	Fisons†	118	-4	2.9	...
725	520	Glaxo	612½	-4	5.5	14.8
185	95½	Grampian Hdg	102	...	6.7	18.9
187	120	Medeva	174	...	2.1	14.0
3	1½	Peoples Health	1½	...	...	...
330	227	Quality Care	259	...	2.2	15.1
295	242	Scotia	265	...	...	...
83	44	Shield Diag	58	...	...	...
469½	357½	SmithKlineBcht	424	...	3.6	16.5
421	322	SmithKline Ulst	390	-1	3.9	15.2
731	498	Wellcome	664	-10	3.3	15.1
873	672	Zeneca	837	-8	4.1	16.6

PRINTING & PAPER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
184	122	AG Holdings†	124	+2	5.5	11.7
444	337	API	337	...	3.3	21.2
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	259½	-2	3.1	39.1
205	145	Aspen Comns	165	...	3.8	18.8
472	347	Bemrose	355	+5	4.4	12.7
171	97	Bragden	108	...	1.7	50.5
524	489	Bowater	450	-14	3.6	16.9
1865⅝	1378½	Bowater Inc	1556⅞	-3½	...	...
297	248	Boxmore Intl	254	...	2.0	15.5
515	435	Br Polythene	500	...	3.1	17.5
176	35	Br Thornton	35	...	21.4	3.1
189½	153	Britton Grp	153	...	2.5	18.1
186	138	Burnett	183	-1½	3.1	19.2
198	129	Capital Indst	154	...	3.7	12.1
2449½	1890½	Carnaud MB	2237½	+6⅞	2.1	17.5
439	282	Cropper (James)†	282	...	1.6	14.8
1035	825	De La Rue†	1097	-12	2.6	18.3
114	78	Delyn Group	80	...	2.6	14.5
137	103	Dolphin Pack	105	...	5.4	13.5
101	75	Fairway Group	95	...	4.5	17.7
430	302	Ferguson Intl†	321	...	5.0	12.9
145	120	Ferry Pick	121	...	5.9	...
30	2¾	Huntingprint	3	...	...	...
230	150	Inveresk	159	+1	3.9	9.6
286	249	Jarvis Porter▼	280	...	2.4	18.3
438	364	Low & Bonar	400	...	3.2	16.0
70	45	MY Holdings	55	...	3.7	12.7
271	223	Macfarlane	263	...	1.9	23.2
250	184	Photo	164	...	2.3	21.4
820	513	Portals†	705	...	2.8	18.1
412	314	St Ives Gp†	337	-3	2.4	18.3
1124	484½	Sappi	1076⅞	-1½	0.5	...
30½	10½	Senf	10½	...	...	...
351½	182	Sidlaw▲	183	...	7.4	...
573	398	Smith David	539	-3	2.5	23.6
420¼	274½	Smurfit (Jeff)▼	360	-1	1.5	51.4
119	82	Sonoc	97	...	3.6	10.2
45	18½	Unit Group	34	...	...	...
270	182	Wace	225	-2	2.2	14.4
291	209	Waddington (J)	223	-2	4.9	10.7
511	365	Watmough	414	...	2.1	26.2
149	98	Wyndeham†	140	...	2.6	17.8

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
130	84	Allied Lon†	85	...	5.1	12.2
276	253	Argent	260	...	...	...
77	63	Artesian Ests	74	...	...	...
144	109	Asda Prop	114	-2	2.5	20.2
382½	238	Bilton†	244	-1	5.0	17.7
283	215	Bellwy	215	...	4.0	15.7
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	16	-1	...	48.8
108	71	Bourne Endt	71	...	1.3	...
276	177	Bradford†	188	-3	4.5	15.8
137	103	Brightstone	119	+1	3.9	27.0
474	357	Br Land	357	-6	2.6	31.3
276	177	Brixton†	177	-2	5.7	15.7
118	86½	Burford	89	...	2.2	28.9
112	96	CLS Hldgs	99	...	6.2	...
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl	140	...	1.4	31.7
229	181	Cap Shop Ctrs	200	-2	4.1	48.1
235	203	Cardiff Prop	223	...	1.4	49.9
66	28	Cathay Intl	29	...	...	...
165	152	Chesterfield	151	-2	4.9	53.3
678	460	Chesterfield†	463	...	3.3	30.8
112	88	Chesterton Intl	89	...	4.6	12.5
84	36	City Site Ests	57	...	...	...
12¼	6½	Clarke Nickolls	7	...	1.6	14.6
87½	71½	Compco†	77½	...	6.3	...
58	30	Conrad Ritat GS	30	...	2.1	36.2
1755	1250	Daejan	1250	-10	2.9	14.8
35½	5	Dares Estates	9	...	...	...
17	4	De Morgan	6	...	...	...
156	98½	Debenham Tewn	100	...	4.4	16.2
189	161	Dencora	163	...	2.5	45.6
347½	240	Derwent Hldgst	240	...	2.4	21.4
41	19½	Development Sec	19½	...	0.8	...
51	45	Dwyer	46	...	...	...
53	25	Eleco	31	...	...	...
400	275	Estates Agency†	325	...	4.0	39.3
47	18	Estates Gen	23½	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	101	+1	3.3	17.5
43½	34	Ex-Lands	34	-½	2.2	...
80	64	Fitzroy Prop	65	...	1.2	...
37	23½	Five Oaks†	27	...	2.4	11.0
78	45	Fletcher King	45	...	4.2	22.3
51	38	Folkes Groupt	44	...	4.3	...
51	36	Folkes Group nvt	41	...	4.4	23.3
536	407	Frogmore	435	-2	4.9	15.7
325	228	Grainger	244	...	3.1	...
202	170	Gt Portland†	170	-3	6.0	29.1
226½	118	Greycoat	124	...	...	...
94	39	Hamptn Calyr	42	...	0.7	42.7
435	311	Hammerson	314	-12	4.0	31.5
390	288	Helical Bar	321	...	2.4	11.5
40½	29	Hemingway	29	...	1.7	49.8
78	24	Herring Baker	24	...	5.2	...
75	46	High-Point	46	...	1.4	...
190	132	Hk Land	132	-3	4.6	...
311¼	136½	Jermyn	154	...	...	77.1
792	576	Land Secs	578	-16	5.3	16.5
16	6	Lon & Metro	8	...	...	0.3
122	86	Lon Merch Sec	92½	-1½	5.7	13.6
562	385	MEPC	385	-18	6.8	20.2
13½	6	McInerney A	8½	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	178	-2	3.7	17.4
85	59	Marlowe Mkt	65	...	3.8	10.0
55	27	Moorfield Est	33	...	3.8	...
1425	1150	Mountview	1150	...	2.4	11.4
196	144	Mucklow (A&J)†	149	...	5.3	19.8
2¼	1	ORB	1	...	...	...
64	29	Oasis Prop	30	...	...	11.2
191	138	PSIT	139	...	4.2	19.7
399	228	Peel	228	-2	2.5	43.3
182	142	Pillar Prop	149	...	3.1	...
12½	3	Power Corp	3	...	...	...
9¼	4½	Premier Land	6¼	...	...	...
77	56	RPS Group	70	...	4.6	12.6
53	31½	Raglan	32½	-½	...	7.9
40	23½	Regalian	37	-½	...	6.6
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	160	...	1.5	10.2
134	106	Rugby Est	107	...	2.6	...
64	45	St Modwen Pro	50	...	3.0	12.5
76	59	Savills Grdn (J)	61	...	5.5	17.8
100	57	Savills	57	...	4.9	9.2
108	71	Scot Metr	72	...	3.5	8.4
61	45	Secure Retire	47	...	...	...
135	93	Shaftesbury	94	...	...	...
307	217	Slough Estates	218	-7	4.8	46.6
103	55	Southend Prop	56	-1	5.5	...
133	103	Specty Shops	104	...	2.9	...
35	10	Stanhope Prps	14	...	...	...
39	34	TBI	37	...	...	2.0
244	165	Tops Ests	198	...	1.7	38.4
163	176	Town Centre†	130	...	4.0	17.8
107	85	Trafford Park	85	...	4.6	...
29½	15	Trenchwood	17½	...	...	...
58	28	UK Land	45	...	...	...
317	212	Warner	215	...	8.5	30.7
260	218	Warnford	224	...	4.4	18.3
7¼	1¼	Waterglade	#2	...	...	...
103½	62	Wates	64	...	...	...
45	29	Whinney Mck	37	...	...	...
105	68	Wood John D	68	...	3.7	...
30	15	YRM	17	...	...	...

RETAILERS, FOOD

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	50½	ASDA Group	65	-½	3.4	14.9
315	222½	Argyll	250	-6	5.9	10.8
505	413	Brake Brost	453	-1	2.0	16.3
43	24	Budgen	25	...	5.0	15.9
17	11½	Cullens	14	...	...	...
137	67½	Dairy Farm Intl	69½	+½	5.3	9.4
394	344	Farepak	360	...	2.4	18.9
60	37	Fitzwilton	41	...	11.3	...
108	87	Fyffes	98	...	1.8	16.8
371	168	Geest†	169	-1	6.0	...
1078	683	Greggs	1023	-7	2.3	18.2
395	325	Greenvore	380	...	3.2	11.4
211	133	Iceland Group	156	-4	3.1	9.7
656	523	Kwik Save†	558	-2	4.3	10.0
18	9	Merchant Retail	11½	...	...	...
149	99	Morrison (W)	133	-3	1.0	15.5
232	165	Nurdin Peack	165	...	5.0	9.1
148	89½	Park Foods	122	...	2.5	24.7
5½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury Jt	402	+9	3.4	14.2
255	200½	Tesco	241	-4	4.1	12.1
198	162	Thorntons	175	...	3.5	14.3
422	270	Watsons Philip	371	...	4.8	15.0

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	25	Alexon	34	...	...	...
248	203	Allders	206	-1	3.7	15.4
410	307	Argos Plc	340	-4½	3.1	17.9
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	78	-4	0.2	...
357	134	Asprey	142	-3	5.4	11.6
246	176	Austin Reed†	217½	-7½	3.2	10.9
168	132	Beattie (J) 'A'	132	-1	5.9	17.2
150	110	Bentalls	123	...	2.0	42.6
185	36	Bellwether	49	...	7.1	5.3
48	29	Blacks Leis	36	...	8.0	...
264	195½	Body Shop†	204	-2	1.3	17.9
601	403	Boots†	403	-8	3.9	15.7
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	2½	...	...	...
263	210	Brown (N)†	212	-1	2.5	18.9
74½	51	Burton	69⅞	-½	3.7	32.5
245	153	Carters	153	...	3.3	...
304	220	Carpetright	237½	-1½	3.7	19.9
246	165	Chelsea Inn	165	-2	1.5	23.2
520	388	Church	483	+3	3.4	24.6
171	95	Clinton Cards	95	...	6.9	13.8
170	81	Cty Comsalt	91	...	6.9	28.1
903	720	Courts Fmntr	800	-3	0.9	40.7
210	155	Crown Eyes	190	...	6.2	8.3
353	245	DFS Furniture†	270	-3	3.3	...
287	170	Dixons Gp	182	-1	4.5	19.3
580	430	Etys (Wimbldn)	590	...	3.8	27.2
11½	7½	EPA Gp	8	...	...	...
284	161	Essex Furnt	162	...	3.1	...
336	217	Etam†	249	...	3.8	12.8
556	426	Fine Art Dev	429	-1	4.2	13.3
68	46	Feed Earth	66	...	...	...
106	72	Flying Flowers	73	...	3.4	14.1
278	124	French Conn	257	...	...	10.9
264	205	Frost Group†	228	...	3.8	23.8
66	49	Gieves†	58	-1	3.2	20.7
136	85	Goldsmiths Gpt	134	-1	3.8	24.0
653	524	GUS	553	-8	2.6	18.3
196	164	Hamleys†	179	-1	3.3	17.2
31	21	Hampton Grp	29	...	8.4	60.2
237	178	Hse of Fraser†	187	-1	3.3	18.8
95	68½	Hughes (T.J)t	81	...	8.9	13.9
776	454	Kingfisher	492	-7	3.8	12.1
138	100	Kleenex	108	...	3.8	24.0
478	255	Liberty	305	+10	2.0	...
380	277	Lloyds Chemt	312	-1	3.9	19.0
184	126	MFI	136	-1	3.7	17.8
460½	380	Marks Spencer†	400	-8½	3.8	17.8
680	495	Menzies (John)	504	...	2.8	12.4
377	238	Moss Brost	348	-3	3.1	19.7
275	214	Next	253	...	4.4	15.5
59	20	OEM	26	...	...	...
97	39	Oliver (G)	95	...	...	28.4
113	73	Partridge Fine	78	...	4.8	10.5
37	12	Pentos	18½	...	...	...
269	165	QS Hldgst	165	...	3.9	18.1
82	20	Rhino Grp	20	...	3.1	30.0
309	138	Rosebys	138	...	4.2	16.1
132	99½	Sears†	105	-3½	4.4	17.8
48	18½	Signet Group	23	-½	...	7.8
549	427	Smith WH	441	-6	4.4	22.7
1260	735	Sotheby†	743	...	3.7	88.1
282	189	Storehouse	219	...	3.9	19.2
181¼	151½	Stylo	177	...	1.8	32.0
198	146	T & S Stores	167	...	4.6	11.8
173	114	Tie Rack	128	-½	1.7	15.2
63½	3¼	Upton & Southn	4	...	...	...
539	384	Vendome	500	-7	1.4	38.4
70	29	WEW Groupt	29	...	3.8	...
93½	52	Wtg of Leather	81	...	1.7	...
195	130	Wyevale	160	...	3.8	16.9

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied Domecq	548	-13	3.2	19.8
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	391	+2	3.6	22.5
140	105	Burn Stewart	120	...	3.2	38.4
506	375	Grand Met	378	-2	4.7	17.3
542	426	Guinness	452	-4	3.6	14.9
457	353	Highland Dstlt	436	-2	2.1	18.9
222	127	Macallan-Glen	212	...	8.7	55.6
710	365	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	700	...	1.8	30.9
614	515	Matthew Clark▲	543	...	4.1	12.7
250	75	Morydown W	87	...	3.6	...
190	142	Taunton Cider	157	...	5.3	12.0

SUPPORT SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	86	ACT Groupt	97	...	8.8	10.2
743	583	ADT	693	-2	...	...
46	34	Alphameric	41	-1	...	31.3
140	69	Auto Sec	73	...	...	8.6
162	99	BET Ord†	102	+½	4.2	14.6
195	115	BNB Res	180	...	3.5	21.0
255	175	BPP	228	...	4.9	16.4
186	133	BSM	135	...	6.0	11.5
1½	¼	Black & Edg	¼	...	...	...
1100	600	Borland	600	...	3.8	...
226	159	Brit Data Mgt	180	...	...	...
79	57	Brooks Service	63	+2	3.5	...
117½	84	CRT Gp▼	84	...	4.8	20.8
238	156	Capita Group	167	...	2.1	21.3
429	292	Chubb Sec	322	-1	2.4	18.8
230	105	Compir People	230	...	1.4	52.4
65	41	Corp Services	60	...	0.5	22.6
97	48	Coulls Coalist	51	...	1.0	...
276	212	Davis Service	237	+2	4.3	15.9
83	86	Dudley Jenkss	70	...	5.8	15.5
154	93	EW Fact	93	...	9.6	7.9
199¼	135	El Data Pic	143	...	1.8	13.2
334	281	Hays	296	-3	2.8	20.2
289	199	Hogg Robinson	200	...	4.6	13.8
39	18	Holmes Protectn	27	...	...	1.8
15	6	Inf Cnt & Data	12	...	...	8.1
2686⅞	1684½	ISS B DKr	1753½	-3½	5.9	1.9
185	126	JBA Hldgst	128	...	2.3	13.0
414	293	Johnson Clean	234	...	5.8	9.5
145	99	Kalamazoo	117	-2	3.7	13.1
298	221	Kewill Sys	253	...	3.7	9.2
35	19	Laser-Scan	19	...	...	...
143½	68	LBMS	95	...	...	...
6	4	Lep	4	...	...	...
321	266	Logica	315	+1	2.8	22.2
254	96	MDIS	123½	...	6.3	8.6
195	143	MMT Comp†	195	+2	3.3	15.5
216	110	MR Data Mngt	114	+1½	5.1	...
723	423	Macro 4	[illegible]	...	5.7	12.4
1865⅝	1156½	Manpowert	1787⅛	-3½	0.2	...
1320	790	Micro Focus	895	...	...	10.8
178	109	Microgen	109	...	8.3	10.9
548½	417	Misys	418	...	2.4	...
194	141½	Mite Gp	193	...	1.5	22.6
35	22	Nova Group▼	26	+2	1.8	...
82	23	OIS Intl	23	...	10.3	4.3
84	60	P & P	76	...	3.9	18.8
115	65	Michael Page	114	...	2.5	28.0
143	90	Parity	125	...	2.2	32.6
235	150	Pegasus	155	...	4.1	15.4
115	82	Pentalt	83	...	8.0	...
89¾	60½	Prontool	70	...	6.2	12.8
415	260	RCO	330	...	5.8	71.4
48	27	Radius	36	...	1.2	...
169	73	Real Time	137	...	3.2	11.9
177	104	Reed Executive	143	-1	0.9	...
163	105	Reliance Sec	149	...	3.9	...
279	189½	Rentokil	227	-8½	1.7	23.4
194	138	Ricardo Group	143	...	5.2	17.4
215	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	200	...	2.5	31.1
688	507	Sage Gp	584	-3	2.0	...
283	243	Salvesen (C)	270	-2	3.8	13.8
94	76	Sanderson Elec	82	-3	4.4	...
17½	9	Select-App	13½	...	...	...
438	310	Serco Gp	424	-1	1.0	25.8
307	243	Servo Gp	294	+1	1.5	26.8
130	75	Shared Cmp	93	...	...	...
130	92	Snatchlyt	92	...	4.3	15.5
254	180	Stat-Plus	180	...	6.3	17.1
146	100	Unipalm	111	-1	...	...
37	13½	Vistec	15	-½	3.4	8.1
65	37	WSP Hldgs	46	-1	6.2	26.9
338	308	Warner Howrd†	308	...	3.2	14.2

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
486	353½	BT	376	-3½	5.8	13.1
543	369	Cable Wireless	379	-8	2.8	15.4
178	108	Filtronic Com	169	...	0.6	53.6
1543	1146	Securicor	1470	+3	0.3	36.4
1089	785	Securicor 'A'	944	-3	0.4	23.4
892	606	Security Serv	765	+1	1.0	24.2
221	157½	Vodafone†	200	-2½	1.9	25.9

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
138	84	Albion	86	...	5.8	4.2
230	146	Alexdn Wt†	147	...	4.9	15.7
517	488	Allied Text	524	+2	3.1	18.1
189	87	Allkins	87	...	12.2	26.4
45	31	Automagic	34	...	...	...
270	205	Baird (Wm)†	211	...	5.3	18.0
71	37	Beckman (A)†	38	+1	11.8	...
290	233	Black (Peter)	239	-1	2.3	17.2
109	74	Bridport-Gndryt	98	...	3.8	8.1
226	171	Br Mohair	197	...	5.6	19.6
74	20	Campari	20	...	...	...
104	80	Cassidy Bros	85	...	4.0	10.9
190	163	Claude Phillips	190	...	4.8	24.8
385	292	Claremont Gar†	314	+1	3.8	17.4
287	189	Coats Viyella†	203	-2	5.1	17.5
593	446	Courtauld Text	446	-3	4.0	20.1
159¼	119	Dawson	124	-1	9.1	...
143	97½	Dewhirst (I)	130	+½	1.6	18.3
52	32	Dixie Heart	40	+1	4.4	11.7
42	28	Drummond	29	...	...	12.9
25	14	Ebief	14	...	...	...
80	72	Faupel	73	...	8.4	12.4
155	136	Ferminster	148	...	2.7	...
29	17	Foster (John)	18	...	...	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	95	...	4.8	18.8
82	48	Gest SR	75	-1	3.8	...
113	73	Haggas	83	-2	4.5	...
70½	11	Harlstone	13½	...	3.0	...
33	25½	Helene Plc†	26	...	9.7	10.7
263	222	Hicking Pntcst	229	...	2.5	10.2
91	64	Honeysuckle†	67	+1	5.6	...
80	48	Horace Small	67	...	...	...
211	173	Jacques Vert	187	...	3.0	16.5
73	55	Jerome (S)	55	-1	1.8	7.0
388	268	Jones Stroud	350	+2	3.2	16.7
202½	130	Lambert	130	...	6.6	12.3
485	333	Lamont†	350	-3	4.4	11.9
340	265	Leeds	277	...	2.9	...
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	7.8	13.9
101	60	Lyles (S)†	79	...	5.5	8.2
38½	18½	Marling	25½	+½	3.2	48.4
17	10	PEX	18	...	...	...
288	159	Parkland†	159	-1	3.9	9.5
123	84	Pentland	104	...	3.5	20.6
75	53	Pittards†	63	...	3.5	...
112	60	Readicut†	61	...	7.0	10.3
90	71	Remorel	71	...	4.9	7.5
96	43	Richards	43	...	8.7	...
70	42	SEET	52	...	...	...
180	87	Sherwood Gp	87	...	4.4	10.1
180	137½	Shiloh†	148	...	3.0	9.8
148	98	Sirdar	98	...	6.9	14.2
64	50	Stirling Gp	57	...	4.2	15.8
28	19	Strong & Fisher	20	...	6.2	13.7
49	46	UK Safety†	46	...	7.1	11.5
132	105	Usher (Frank)	114	...	3.4	8.7
44	34	Vivat	38	...	4.1	8.9
108	42	Wensum	105	...	3.4	15.3
289	239	Yorklyde†	250	...	3.1	11.5

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
83	58	Air Londont	63	...	6.9	12.5
777½	619½	All Nippon Air	700¼	-18¾	0.3	...
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	279	-2	2.2	23.3
541½	440	BAA†	487	-7	2.4	19.4
128	103½	Badgerline	121	...	4.2	...
496½	344	Br Airways†	370	-7	4.9	10.0
108	75	Clarkson (H)	94	...	2.3	23.8
190	140	Dart	158	...	3.1	16.7
592¾	195	Eurotunnel Uts	238	+8	...	...
87	50	Fisher (James)	50	...	...	...
508	405	Forth Ports	452	...	2.1	21.0
238	156	GRT Bus	236	+1	2.0	18.2
183	113	Go-Ahead	160	+1	3.1	19.8
209	125	Goode Durrant	194	+1	2.9	15.2
155	126½	Isle of Steam	140	...	3.9	10.7
71	39	Jacobs (JI)	56	-1	...	...
111	79	Lon O'Seas Frt	79	-2	8.1	7.8
534	368	Mersey Docks	408	...	2.9	19.8
201	157	NFC†	168	-2	5.2	25.8
347	245	Natl Express	296	+1	3.3	17.0
348	244	Ocean Group	270	-1	6.6	13.6
97	58	Ocean Wilson	68	...	8.8	9.8
743	587	P & O Dfd	687	-17	3.8	18.8
208	153	P & O 5.5%	205	...	3.4	...
102	84	Seacon	96	...	3.6	22.8
218	158	Stagecoach	215	...	2.4	21.4
131	85½	TNT	114	...	...	...
815	703	Tibbet & Britn	717	+9	2.6	18.4
79	27	Tiphook	41	...	...	...
327	197	TDG	206	-3	5.8	13.2
138	98	Ugland†	128	...	2.3	...
160	76	Utd Carriers	86	...	3.3	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian†	492	+1	6.0	11.1
365	293	Mid Kent Hldgs	300	...	5.6	10.9
611	454	North West	542	...	5.6	8.0
751	508	Northumbrn†	688	-4	4.7	7.4
845	457	Severn Trent	532	-2	5.6	7.3
1850	1525	South Staffs	1835	...	3.7	11.1
675	468	South West	488	-3	6.8	7.1
682	465	Southern	528	-1	5.2	6.0
811	454	Thames†	490	+1	5.9	7.4
744	545	Welsh	629	-3	5.3	6.9
379¼	275½	Wessex	367	-2½	5.1	7.6
630	458	Yorkshire	513	+5	5.8	7.4

Source: Finstat

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BRITISH FUNDS

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
101[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 12% 1995	100[illegible]	...	11.90	5.67
98[illegible]	97[illegible]	Gas 3% 1990-95	98[illegible]	...	3.04	8.82
107[illegible]	102[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	102[illegible]	.	10.01	6.43
113[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	105[illegible]	...	12.07	6.66
117[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	107[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.01	6.85
121[illegible]	110[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	110[illegible]	.	13.77	7.22
117[illegible]	108[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	108[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.25	7.28
112[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	104[illegible]	...	9.61	7.72
121[illegible]	110[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	110[illegible]	..	12.01	7.91
114[illegible]	104[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	105[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.99	7.81
110[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	101[illegible]	..	8.62	8.13
131[illegible]	116[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	117[illegible]	.	12.81	8.26
114[illegible]	102[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	103[illegible]	...	9.39	8.30
106[illegible]	95[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	97[illegible]	. .	7.47	8.26
102	93[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95[illegible]	...	7.07	8.27
131[illegible]	119[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	118[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.81	8.41
140[illegible]	122	Treas 15½% 1998	122[illegible]	...	12.60	8.36
125[illegible]	110[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	111[illegible]	...	10.73	8.42
116[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	103[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.15	8.37
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
128[illegible]	111[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	113[illegible]	...	10.79	8.44
121[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	107[illegible]	...	9.76	8.42
101[illegible]	88[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	90[illegible]	.	6.60	8.36
121[illegible]	104[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	107	-[illegible]	9.58	8.49
116[illegible]	98[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.79	8.42
138[illegible]	116[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	119[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.90	8.58
122[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	106[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.38	8.58
106[illegible]	88[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	92[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.59	8.49
123[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	105[illegible]	...	9.17	8.61
113[illegible]	92[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	96[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.27	8.54
127[illegible]	104[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	108[illegible]	.	9.22	8.61
129[illegible]	109[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113	-[illegible]	10.18	8.76
88[illegible]	69[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74[illegible]	+[illegible]	4.69	7.23
125[illegible]	101[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	105[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.93	8.54
105[illegible]	84[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	88[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.61	8.46
125½	102[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.89	8.50
143[illegible]	118[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	122[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.20	8.82
112[illegible]	90[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	94[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.16	8.44
111[illegible]	91[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	96[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.31	8.51
136[illegible]	112[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	116[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.09	8.85
119[illegible]	95[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	100[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.47	8.46
151[illegible]	124[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	129[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.45	8.83
124[illegible]	99[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.61	8.43
LONGS (over 15 years)						
115[illegible]	91[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	96[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.30	8.42
126[illegible]	100[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	105[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.55	8.40
127[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	105[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.53	8.39
93[illegible]	71[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.25	8.15
117[illegible]	92	Treas 8% 2013	96[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.28	8.33
114[illegible]	89[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.22	8.33
128[illegible]	99[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.39	8.32
158[illegible]	126[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	132[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.08	8.54
UNDATED						
54[illegible]	39[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	42[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.31	..
37[illegible]	27[illegible]	Treas 2½%	29[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.47	..
INDEX-LINKED						
205[illegible]	197[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1996	201[illegible]	...	2.54	3.98
113[illegible]	106[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107[illegible]	.	2.84	3.68
179[illegible]	163[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164[illegible]	..	3.38	3.80
173[illegible]	158[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162[illegible]	. .	3.46	3.82
116[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108[illegible]	. .	3.51	3.83
184[illegible]	165[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	168[illegible]	.	3.56	3.81
168[illegible]	149[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152[illegible]	.	3.62	3.84
175[illegible]	154[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157[illegible]	...	3.65	3.85
148[illegible]	126[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129[illegible]	...	3.68	3.86
157[illegible]	134[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138[illegible]	.	3.70	3.87
152[illegible]	128[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132[illegible]	. .	3.74	3.88
129[illegible]	106[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110[illegible]	..	3.72	3.85
128[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109[illegible]		3.75	3.88

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Property valuation hits MEPC shares

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SHARES in MEPC, the property investment group, tumbled yesterday, reflecting disappointment over a lower than expected property valuation. Weak real estate investment markets since the spring held back growth in assets across Europe leaving a revaluation rise to the £3.3 billion portfolio of only 7 per cent.

Market hopes of a net asset value rise to 500p were dashed by growth in NAV of 14 per cent to just 473p, and MEPC shares fell from 403p to 387p. However, fears that the property group would cut its dividend proved unfounded with a surge in pre-tax profits from £81 million to £111 million in the year to September 30. A maintained payout of 20p for the year is just covered by earnings per share of 20.1p, up from 15.5p last year. Lord Blakenham, chairman said the rise in property values was less than had been expected at the time of the half-year results owing to the rise in long-term interest rates since April. A spending spree last year on new investments, costing the group £466 million, boosted the overseas content of MEPC's portfolio from 23 per cent to 27 per cent.

MEPC made a $300 million bid for three US malls. A further £87 million was spent in Australia, and in the UK shopping centres were bought in Derby and Belfast. James Tuckey, chief executive said the rate of expansion was unlikely to be repeated in 1995.

Over the next five years, the group intends to reduce its UK exposure further from 74 per cent to a range from 60 to 70 per cent with the biggest growth on the Continent, which now accounts for only 5 per cent of assets but could rise to between 10 and 20 per cent. Mr Tuckey said that the company had so far avoided investing across the Channel due to the wide gap between values and prices.

Heavy expenditure on investments and a £44 million kickstart to the development programme has lifted gearing to 62 per cent, and MEPC indicated that it would be prepared to increase it as far as 75 per cent.

UK properties generated most of the growth last year, increasing by 9 per cent in value, but a weaker performance than market indices due to the group's heavy bias towards central London. West End and City properties rose by 11 and 6 per cent respectively, but Midlands and Northern Ireland assets showed increases of 14 and 16 per cent. MEPC said it would be difficult toi improve income in the UK without rental growth because modest opportunities to increase rents were offset by over-renting.

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Fall in profits at AAH

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SHARES in AAH fell 48p to 336p after the holding company with interests in healthcare and environmental services surprised the City with a 14 per cent fall in pre-tax profits and a held interim dividend.

In the half-year to September 30, pre-tax profits fell to £16.4 million (£19.1 million), and earnings were 12.2p a share (14.7p). The dividend is 6p (same), payable March 22.

John Padovan, chairman, said the results were "less than satisfactory," after a poor performance in environmental services, which contributed £4.7 million to profits, down from £5 million previously, despite a rise in turnover to £37.5 million from £36.6 million.

Additionally, the specialised vehicle hire fleet incurred losses in the first quarter and the fleet was subsequently reduced by 180 vehicles, with redundancy and other costs charged against profits.

Group turnover rose to £798.6 million from £773.1 million but operating profits slipped to £18.7 million from £21.6 million. Profits from healthcare services rose to £90.1 million from £88.6 million but distribution services also fell to £5.2 million from £6.4 million.

Mr Padovan said it was now anticipated that full-year profits and earnings will be below last year's levels. However, the final dividend would also be maintained. In the year to March 31, pre-tax profits were £42 million and earnings 34.8p a share.



Trevor Wheatley, chairman of Control Techniques, at its Newtown, Powys, factory

Talks fail to end Iberia crisis

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

THE future of Iberia, the near-bankrupt Spanish state airline, was again in jeopardy yesterday after Sepla, the Spanish pilots' union, rejected the management's drastic cost-cutting plan. A meeting between the two sides broke up at dawn yesterday without any agreement after 13 hours of talks.

Javier Salas, president of Iberia, said that because the pilots had merely offered a 1.03 per cent salary reduction, compared with the 15 per cent demanded by the board, an agreement was impossible. The pilots were also against selling off Iberia subsidiaries in Spain, such as Aviaco, Viva Air and Cargo Sur.

Señor Salas said a restructuring deal, reducing the workforce by 3,500 and overall salary cuts of 8.5 per cent — hammered out earlier this week with other unions representing Iberia's 24,000 workers — could not be activated without a similar agreement with the pilots.

Iberia is attempting to implement a viability plan to gain EU approval for a cash injection of £643.5 million from the Spanish Government, the second such figure in two years. Iberia directors were planning to meet with the main unions again to analyse the situation.

US group in agreed bid for Control Techniques

BY MARTIN BARROW
CITY NEWS EDITOR

CONTROL Techniques, the electronic drives and controls group, has succumbed to a £203.9 million takeover bid by Emerson Electric, of America.

Emerson, which started the day with a 29.4 per cent stake in the company, has pitched the offer at 525p a share, a 36.4 per cent premium on the share price of 385p immediately before last month's announcement about takeover talks. Yesterday the shares rose 7p to 521p.

A standstill agreement between the two companies expired in July and yesterday Emerson bought a further 7.9 per cent stake in the stock market. With directors of Control Techniques and their families pledging acceptances in respect of the combined holdings of 15.2 per cent, Emerson already has control over a majority 52.5 per cent.

Trevor Wheatley, founder and chairman of Control techniques, said directors believed there were substantial benefits to be derived form the takeover. "The financial resources and global reach of Emerson will help Control Techniques expand its operations throughout the world and the future of Control Techniques should be enhanced as a part of the Emerson group," he said.

Emerson's initial investment in Control Techniques was in July 1991, when the Americans sold an 80 per cent interest in ICD Drives Inc. in exchange for 20 per cent of Control Technique's share capital. At the same time Emerson acquired a further 9.9 per cent by means of a tender offer.

Control Techniques, based at Newtown, Powys, also announced results for the year to September 30 showing pre-tax profits up 36 per cent to £12.4 million from £9.1 million in the previous 12 months. Earnings jumped to 19.7p a share from 15.3p. There is a second interim dividend of 7p a share, to be paid on January 31, raising the total to 9.6p a share from 7.5p.

The company said the most notable feature of the period was an upturn in new orders, a trend that had continued during the first three months of the current year.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Bus firm drives to 24 per cent increase

MOIR Lockhead, chairman of GRT Bus Group, floated in May, is optimistic on prospects after improved margins and recent acquisitions pushed profits 24 per cent higher at the interim stage. The Aberdeen-based company saw pre-tax profits increase to £2.8 million in the 24 weeks to September 10. Turnover expanded 67 per cent to £25.5 million and on an annual basis is nearer £92 million.

Robert Duncan, managing director, said that like-for-like growth was running at about 5 per cent. The group is hoping to stimulate growth at a time when national bus passenger numbers are declining by about 4 per a year, reflecting an increase in the use of private cars. Mr Lockhead said: "The current financial year continues to be a very exciting time for all at GRT. The longer term prospects for the group are excellent." Earnings rose 22.2 per cent to 5.5p (4.5p) a share. There is an interim dividend of 1.4p, to be paid on February 15. The shares firmed 1p to 236p.

High-tech alliance

A STRATEGIC alliance aimed at creating common operating standards for computers, telephones, and related equipment has been formed between four of the world's biggest computing and telecom companies. IBM and Apple Computer will work in partnership with AT&T, the US phone company, and Siemens, the German electronics group, through a joint venture called Versit, which will seek to ensure new mobile communications equipment, such as notebook computers, can exchange information and images through the telephone system with each other and with office-based machines.

Metro Radio advances

METRO Radio Group, the commercial radio company based in the North East of England, said the new financial year has started well with advertising revenue well ahead of budget. Neil Robinson, chairman, said demand for radio advertising has been strong for 18 months. In the year to the end of September Metro lifted taxable profits to £4.6 million from £2.4 million on turnover rising to £21.6 million from £17.7 million. Earnings were 18.6p a share, compared with 9.4p, and there is a final dividend of 5.15p a share, making a total of 7.4p (5.5p), payable on January 18.

Leeds Group to expand

LEEDS Group, the textiles dyeing and printing company, intends to spend more over the next two years on increasing production and efficiency. It is also pursuing acquisition opportunities. In the year to the end of September pre-tax profits rose to £7.6 million from £7.23 million and turnover to £52.9 million from £47 million. Earnings were 19.3p a share (17.9p), and the total dividend is increased to 6.3p (5.7p) a share, with a final dividend of 4.2p, payable on January 25. Robert Wade, chairman, said the company had to fight hard to win volume increases to offset pressure on margins.

Alba turns up volume

TRADING at Alba, the manufacturer of domestic appliances, was strong in the second half. The interim dividend is increased to 1.1p a share from 1p, payable on April 24, on profits of £2.03 million (£1.6 million) before tax. Earnings were 3.46p (2.63p) a share. Turnover advanced to £63.5 million from £50.1 million with a contribution of £8.7 million from Goodman Industries, acquired in May. John Harris, chairman, said Alba Radio generated high volume sales, Bush saw improved demand for televisions and Hinari division increased sales by 25 per cent.

Chrysler dividend up 60%



Eaton: "effective method"

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN DETROIT

CHRYSLER Corp, the US automotive group, raised its dividend 60 per cent yesterday, announced a $1 billion share buy-back and relaxed its anti-takeover defences, three of four steps proposed by Kirk Kerkorian, the company's largest shareholder.

Mr Kerkorian, who owns 9 per cent of Chrysler, had also asked the company to split its stock, but none was announced. The quarterly dividend was raised to 40 cents a share from 25 cents. The company had announced 5-cent increases twice in the past year. The repurchase programme will start in January.

"We remain committed to enhancing shareholder value, and this is a very effective method for doing so," said Robert J. Eaton, Chrysler's chairman.

The company's "poison pill" anti-takeover provision was modified so that it is not triggered until a stockholder acquires 15 per cent of the outstanding shares. The previous trigger was 10 per cent. Mr Kerkorian has asked federal regulators' permission to increase his stake in the company to up to 15 per cent.

Mr Eaton said the "poison pill' change was prompted by Mr Kerkorian's actions, but the other measures had been under consideration for some time. The company also said it was increasing its five-year capital spending by $2.1 billion to $22.9 billion.

Cater Allen payout unchanged

CATER Allen Holdings, the financial services company that raised £32 million through a rights issue at the end of July, has declared an unchanged interim dividend of 8p a share after returning profits almost unchanged at £10 million for the half-year to October 31 from £9.8 million (Our City Staff writes).

Earnings fell to 24p a share from 28p, reflecting the impact of the rights issue. Funds raised were invested in the acquisition of Tyndall Bank and The Compass Group. Further investment was made in Sheppards Moneybrokers, the stock lending company.

Cater Allen said that losses from the Lloyd's businesses were reduced because of higher income and cost control. The sharp improvement in underwriting in 1993 and, so far, in 1994 will result in profit commission in 1996 and 1997.

EIB plans to finance projects

THE European Investment Bank (EIB) said it was planning to propose a raft of measures to facilitate financing of European Union infrastructure projects and to keep up the pace of lending.

Brian Unwin, the EIB president, told the Royal Institute of International Affairs, in London, that the bank would make the proposal to the EU summit in Essen, Germany.

"The bank is proposing a special "window" for financing infrastructure of Community interest ... in order to maintain the momentum of lending underway for viable investment, not just within the union, but in neighbouring countries as well," Mr Unwin said.

The "window" features modified loan terms to provide a better match between debt repayment and cash flow, and help to reduce the risk exposure of private sector financiers.

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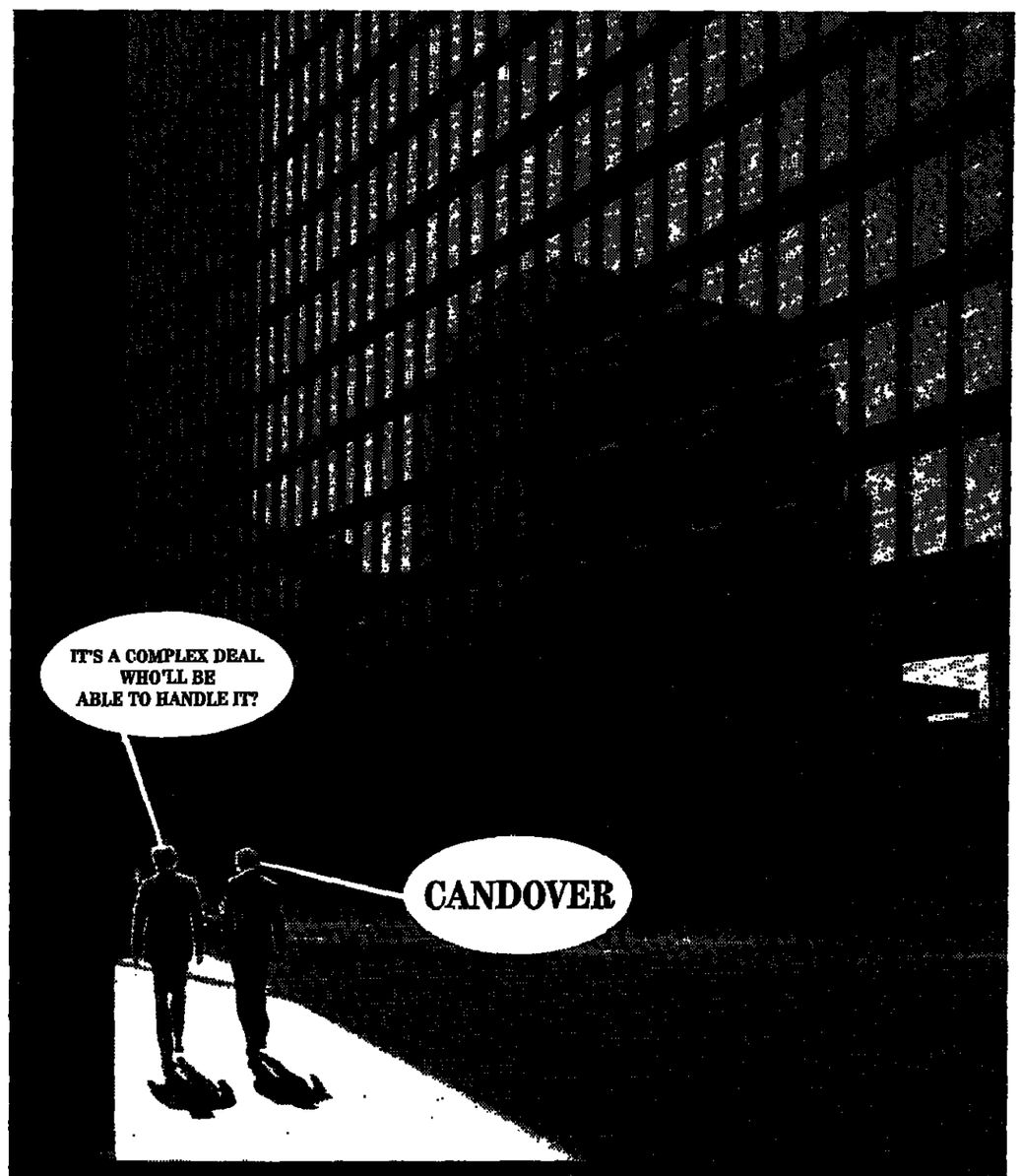
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Gearland Extra	194.30	205.60	+ 1.30	0.36
Gearland Fixed Int	109.60	113.80		2.58
Gearland Gilt	72.44	74.58	+ 0.14	5.18
Gearland Japan	172.30	182.30†	– 0.40	..
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
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General Acc	510.70	543.40	– 3.50	2.85
General Inc	450.50	479.30	– 3.00	2.85
UK Growth Acc	344.70	366.60†	– 2.30	2.93
Uk Growth Inc	236.00	251.10†	– 1.60	2.93
Higher Inc Acc	647.00	688.30†	– 3.80	4.06
Higher Inc Inc	374.00	397.90†	– 2.20	4.06
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	181.80	193.30	+ 0.80	8.05
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	88.35	93.95	+ 0.25	8.05
Nth Americ	248.10	264.00†	– 1.90	..
Far East	347.70	369.90†	– 2.70	0.01
Europe	261.10	277.80	– 0.80	0.67
Bal Growth	69.02	72.38†	– 1.40	3.16
Bal Fxd/Int Acc	97.57	103.80	– 0.20	4.91
Bal Fxd/Int Inc	71.59	76.17	– 0.15	4.91
Global Opps	80.34	85.47†	– 0.29	0.36
Balanced Acc	52.19	55.53†	– 0.26	3.07
Balanced Inc	51.17	54.44†	– 0.20	3.07
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	126.20	134.00†	– 1.60	5.97
High Inc Equity	154.70	165.50	– 2.50	4.78
Worldwide Bond	256.60	272.20†	+ 0.40	3.86
Capital Growth				
American Growth	271.20	290.00	– 0.60	.75
Asian Pacific	321.90	342.40	– 3.50	..
Assets & Savings	290.20	306.30†	– 1.20	2.57
Country & Energy	107.50	114.40	+ 0.80	..
Euro Capital Inc	127.90	136.60		.71
(Accum Units)	139.70	148.20	+ 0.10	.71
General	215.00	228.70	– 1.20	2.38
Japan	126.20	134.30	+ 0.10	..
Midcntinent	136.60	145.40	– 0.80	1.61
UK Growth Dist	114.40	122.40	– 0.00	2.39
US Emerging Cos	128.30	137.20	– 1.50	..
Income & Growth	355.00	368.30†	– 2.70	3.92
Ethical	66.73	69.92	– 0.40	3.62
International	114.60	121.50	– 0.10	.94
Dividend & Growth	58.39	62.12	– 0.31	4.52
Global Gwth & Inc	66.05	70.44	+ 0.04	2.67
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
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UK Small Cos	£19.21	£20.97		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 388				
Amer Inc & Growth	41.46	43.04†	– 0.25	0.72
Cash	50.01	50.01†	– 0.43	4.50
European	186.10	140.80†	+ 0.30	..
Exempt	961.30	£10.29	– 0.01	..
Exec Income #	48.24	50.75	+ 0.01	5.96
Far East Emrg Eco	113.10	120.10	– 0.90	0.52
Fixed Interest #	21.85	22.94†	– 0.32	9.01
Fund Inv Tst	172.10	182.10	– 0.80	0.62
Japan	165.30	191.30	– 0.80	..
Latin American	73.37	77.01	+ 0.03	0.63
Pacific	70.72	74.53	– 0.67	0.36
Property Shares	61.66	64.75	– 0.24	2.03
Up Emerging Cos	61.86	64.93	– 0.54	1.91
UK Growth	42.54	45.18	– 0.22	2.59
Aber World Pen #	70.52	71.83†	– 0.30	2.26
Ethical	58.53	61.44†	– 0.63	2.86
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	48.72	46.72†	– 0.59	7.78
ABSON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
031 549 3232				
Brtish Growth	66.66	71.13†	+ 0.18	2.72
British Income	77.48	82.42†	+ 0.39	3.44
Select Portfolio	82.64	87.92†	– 0.11	..
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
0452 305 958				
Ansby Income	72.57	77.80	– 0.24	0.03
Income Builder Inc	64.86	69.00†	– 1.06	0.03
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 0793 610 388 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	216.80	231.70	– 1.90	3.37
Capital	363.20	409.60	– 3.50	2.02
Balanced	641.90	686.10†	–14.70	2.90
Accumulator	611.61	612.62†	–13.00	3.21
Income Trusts				
American Income	45.05	48.15	– 0.19	3.70
High Income	371.30	396.90	– 4.40	3.89
Equity Income	212.90	227.50	– 2.10	3.65
High Yield	237.40	243.00†	– 2.20	3.58
Govt Securities	32.45	34.25†	+ 0.05	6.19
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	133.40	142.60	– 0.80	0.49
European Growth	33.17	35.41	– 0.06	0.01
International	154.30	164.80	– 1.20	0.30
Japan	208.10	218.70	– 0.70	0.01
Pacific	453.50	421.60	– 2.20	0.01
Secs of America	389.70	415.10†	– 3.50	0.55
Wwide Assc Val	46.09	48.27	– 0.23	0.24
Specialist Trusts				
Accel Unlsts	491.20	524.00†	– 5.10	2.44
Conv & Gilt	42.28	45.19	– 0.28	5.13
Smaller Cos	159.30	170.20	+ 0.10	1.30
2nd Smaller Cos	151.90	161.40	+ 0.10	1.51
Recovery	128.30	137.10†	– 0.60	1.97
Mid Wkr & Cnty	144.50	154.80†	– 0.90	0.27
Oseas Earnings	330.00	352.70	– 2.50	1.91
Technology	155.80	166.50†	– 1.30	0.01
UK Special Sits	422.10	451.30	– 2.60	1.92
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0293 535 911				
Crescnt Opt Pens	95.06	98.76	– 2.04	1.45
Franklin Pensl Pens	60.65	63.01	– 0.88	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0121 606 0033				
Capital	67.37	71.57	– 0.55	1.84
International	61.81	65.76	..	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
031 222 4242				
America	263.40	283.90	– 1.10	
Bond	108.40	115.20†	+ 0.50	7.23
Bth Stnlk Cos	94.14	101.90	+ 0.10	1.53
Conv & Gen #	64.69	68.40	+ 0.01	5.48
Energy	404.60	435.20		0.11
Europe	213.80	228.60	+ 0.40	0.53
Euro Smlr Cos	97.41	103.60†	+ 0.30	0.67
Income Growth	326.40	347.20	+ 2.80	4.55
Japan	322.30	342.20	– 1.80	..
Pacific	102.80	109.40	– 0.80	0.73
Uk Smlr Cos	93.17	53.37	– 0.16	1.16
Japan Fd	723.00	744.60	– 1.30	..
Mngd Fd	165.10	176.60†	– 0.10	2.98
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
071 499 0373				
Brit & Obsea	272.00	288.40	..	1.29
Capital Gwth	197.50	113.20	....	2.38
Wwide Opps	178.30	188.60		0.43
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
081 554 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bnd Inv Fd Inc	336.80	340.50†	– 1.20	3.05
European Bd Inc	88.96	92.06	+ 0.04	7.76
Exempt	69.80	74.46†	– 0.29	4.41
Financial	68.79	73.57†	– 0.26	2.67
500.0	453.90	483.50	– 0.90	2.92
General	258.30	276.20	– 1.10	2.70
Prosperity	245.60	262.80†		5.17
Trustee	174.40	186.50	– 0.80	2.58
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60	..	4.58
Extra Income	111.20	118.90	– 0.40	4.26
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.74	57.60†	+ 0.14	8.04
Income	501.00	535.80	– 2.0	4.18
Income Builder	80.36	84.21	– 0.08	4.94
Intl Income	66.66	64.74	– 0.18	3.64
Growth Trusts - Un				
Capital	110.90	118.30	– 0.80	2.59
Leisure	118.90	125.00	– 0.50	1.35
Recovery	362.30	419.60	– 1.50	2.74
Smlr Cos Inc	41.41	44.40	– 0.06	2.09
Special Sits	265.80	284.10	– 1.0	1.67
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	118.60	125.60†	– 0.50	0.73
Asst Acc	240.70	258.00	– 0.20	2.18
Asst Inc	240.60	258.00	– 0.10	2.18
Euro Gwth Inc	144.80	153.30	+ 0.10	0.64
(Accum Units)	154.60	164.10	+ 0.50	0.64
Japan & Gen Inc	179.20	189.70	– 1.30	..
(Accum Units)	181.20	191.90	– 1.30	..
Japan Smlr Sits	82.70	87.61	– 0.40	..
Unit Trst Inc	76.73	81.54	– 0.48	0.19
Worldwide	163.60	173.70	– 0.50	0.73
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
081 658 6000				
American Growth	89.86	95.90	– 0.77	..
Amer Smlr Cos	123.50	132.20	– 0.10	..
Convertibles	94.66	98.36	+ 0.06	5.50
Eastern	267.70	288.20	– 2.00	0.10
Equity Income	85.05	89.77	+ 0.01	4.90
European Growth	282.00	299.10	+ 1.80	1.90
Europe	208.50	222.00†	+ 1.00	0.80
German Growth	68.00	72.13	+ 0.01	0.10
Global Bond	61.66	64.86	– 0.05	6.40
Global Growth	121.20	129.40	– 0.60	..
Japan Growth	202.20	215.70	– 0.90	..
Japan Smaller	175.30	186.70	– 0.60	..
Korea Trust	83.71	93.67	– 0.94	..
Portfolio	127.00	134.60	– 0.30	1.89
Special Sits	231.70	246.10	– 0.70	1.80
UK Growth	80.85	86.01	– 0.47	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	84.72	90.60†	– 0.06	1.50
Select Managers	71.51	76.57	– 0.18	1.16
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
071 250 3300				
Intl Debt Port Inc	74.73	79.50	..	..
Special Oppor Inc	54.35	57.83	..	..
BRENNET DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD				
071 236 6441				
Special Sits	164.50	175.90		1.60
Dividend	91.46	97.12	+ 0.13	3.52
Int Gth & Inc	207.20	221.20	+ 0.50	1.28
UK & Gen	42.88	45.86	+ 0.20	1.97
Fund of Funds	95.05	99.57	+ 2.96	..
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
041 223 0033				
Balanced Growth	100.05	105.89	– 2.01	1.78
(Accum Units)	112.47	119.01	– 2.26	1.78
Smaller Cos	100.35	106.15†	– 0.15	1.83
Higher Yield #	42.82	45.31	– 0.11	4.91
American Gth Inc	67.65	71.56	– 0.16	..
European Growth	128.52	135.99	– 0.11	0.05
(Accum Units)	130.98	138.58	– 0.21	0.05
Global Bond Inc #	25.64	27.07†	+ 0.02	7.21
Mangd Pnsion Inc	48.26	51.03		1.41
(Accum Units)	49.65	52.52	– 0.22	1.41
Int Stac Opps	111.20	117.67	– 0.22	0.44
Pacific Grth	128.69	133.36	– 1.19	..
Formerly UAS				
UK Growth #	71.93	76.12	– 1.41	3.54
(Accum Units) #	72.69	76.92	– 1.43	3.54
Japan	64.42	68.16	– 0.36	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	93.25	95.15†	+ 0.40	7.35
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 490 7215				
Short Dated Gilt	84.49	85.33	– 0.05	6.31
C& UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
061 837 5080				
Finstop	143.10	154.40†	– 1.30	1.72
UK Growth	157.20	167.60	– 1.30	2.49
UK Income	125.30	133.30	– 0.80	4.52
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	177.70	186.90	– 1.10	2.92
-do- Income Dist	101.90	106.10†	– 0.40	4.63
(Accum Units)	307.60	326.10	– 1.40	4.63
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.41	41.76	+ 0.14	8.51
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
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Mary Chapin Carpenter is still feeling lucky with her best set of confessional songs

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Thirty years on, Auntie shows off her rockin' treasures from the Moptops' fabbest years

THE BEATLES

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on the second of this year's three stagings of a 'rare' Euripides play

Repolished Ion gains new lustre

What comes in a bunched-up group of three roughly once a century? No, the answer is not the number 22 bus, though that is a very good guess. It is Euripides's *Ion*, which no living soul had seen in a major professional production until the RSC revived it in October, yet is now landing in London twice more in consecutive weeks.

A troupe from Thessaloniki, and reportedly an excellent one, presents the play in modern Greek at the Lyric Studio from December 6 to 8. Meanwhile, here is the Actors Touring Company with Kenneth McLeish's all-English translation. Both of these productions have been directed by the same man, Nick Philippou; but they are, I'm told, very different. Anybody prepared to strike while the *Ion* is hot might even consider seeing both.

The more immediate question, though, is whether the ATC's *Ion* matches the RSC's revival; and the answer has to be, no, not quite. It has its strengths, notably dramatic urgency and physical energy; but it is not so consistently well performed. There are times when Philippou's version seems less a tragi-comedy, more a comedy-melodrama. But those who missed Nicholas Wright's production at the Pit will still find it well worth catching. After all, *Ion* may not pass our way for another century, again like the 22 bus.

Ion
Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

Since I described the plot only a month or so ago, let me try evoking it from a different angle, that of Ion himself. There he is, a sort of caretaker-cum-altar-boy, bustling round Apollo's temple at Delphi and minding his own business — when who should appear? Trippers from Athens dressed, as at the Pit, in a mix of the archaic and vaguely 19th-century. This time, they have binoculars and shooting sticks rather than guide-books, but once again they bring a hamper or two onstage, as well as a sense of excitement and apprehension.

Among them are Michael Roberts's blunt, bald King Ksouthos and Shelley King's harrowed-looking Queen Kreousa. Their joint problem is sterility. He badly wants a son and heir; she bitterly regrets having long ago dumped the fruit of a sexual encounter with Apollo on a hillside for rodents to devour. At this point the most innocent member of the audience will begin to twig that the solution involves Gary Turner's earnest Ion, who knows nothing of his biological origins. But he remains unmoved, not realising he is the hero of a play by a dramatist who took a cynical view of the gods' wiles.

Then his world goes haywire. Ksouthos, looking like a demented Mussolini, rushes out of the temple and embraces him with wild yells of "son". No sooner has he digested this than his supposed stepmother, Kreousa, jealously tries to poison him. And no sooner has he got over *that* than the would-be murderess is herself enfolding him, again with cries of "son". The boy ends a rather busy day discovering that Apollo has first tried to trick Ksouthos into thinking him his son, then unwillingly revealed his true paternity to Kreousa. No wonder he looks godsmacked.

Aided by McLeish's brisk, chipper dialogue, Philippou piles on the absurdity, going so far as to turn Athene, who brings Apollo's double-edged greetings at the end, into a swankily attired pantomime dame. That does not altogether distort Euripides, but it does mean that King's fine, strong Kreousa has to work extra hard to get over what's most serious and profound in the play: the human yearning for a child to love and a parent to cherish. Certainly, the RSC's production was the more moving when it came to addressing that. But maybe the Thessalonikans will get the balance right next week?



MARILYN KINGWILL

Shelley King as Kreousa: "has to work extra hard to get over what's most serious and profound in the play: the human yearning for a child to love and a parent to cherish"

JAZZ

Joshing with Mose

FOR such a seminal figure in the music and one of the most important influences on the 1960s British blues boom, Mose Allison's regular appearances here are remarkably low-key.

They are always engagingly informal affairs — a well-balanced mix of his own wry commentaries on life and love, and blues or jazz standards. But his apparent casualness conceals a careful, even meticulous, performer. Backed by a local rhythm section — drummer Mark Taylor and bassist Roy Babbington — Allison began with an extended improvisation which started as a deceptively easy-going jog but which swiftly built into an intense dialogue between Babbington's supple bass and the leader's imaginative playing.

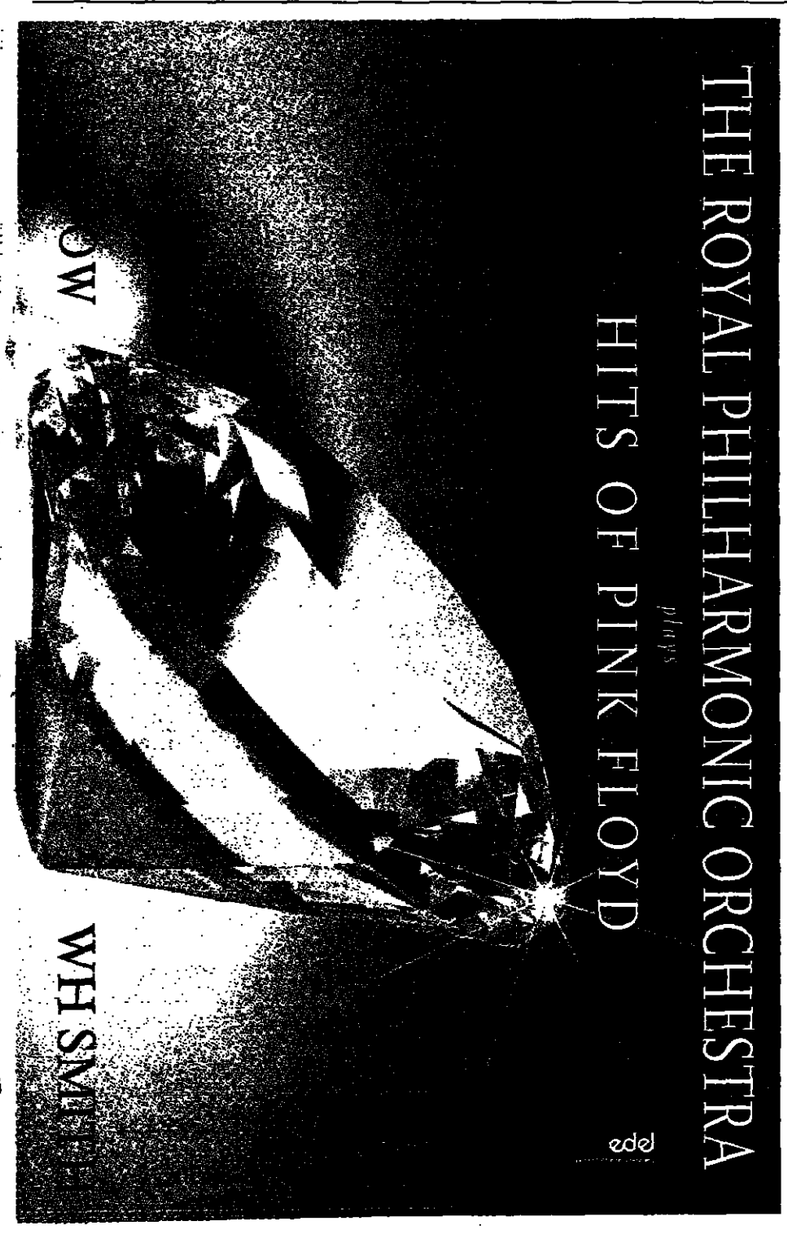
Mose Allison
Pizza Express, Dean Street, W1

Thus warmed up, Allison then attacked his large repertoire of songs with his customary brio, delivering 17 in the next hour or so. He performed a lazy, drawled version of "Sleepy Lagoon", and he nodded in the direction of two of his chief influences, Nat "King" Cole and Percy Mayfield, but the bulk of his set showcased his own material.

Although firmly based in the country blues of his youth in Mississippi, his songs' sardonic clearsightedness and multi-layered cynicism, locate Allison as much with such folk-rock figures as Loudon Wainwright III and even Randy Newman as with blues or jazz performers.

Allison's humour is gentle but sophisticated, and beautifully complemented by his piano solos, which underline the songs' ironies or emphasise their bathos. Given the subtlety of his art — the unique vision expressed in his lyrics, and the virtuosity of his piano playing — it is hard to escape the conclusion that Allison would be better served by a quieter venue. But then maybe some of his attractive spontaneity would be lost.

CHRIS PARKER



MUSIC

Purcell party on Radio 3

Radio 3 is designating 1995 as British Year — or "Fairest Isle" season, as the network poetically calls it — in honour of the 300 anniversary of Henry Purcell's death, the ninetieth birthday of Sir Michael Tippett, and the centenary of the Proms. It will be launched on New Year's Day with three events: the broadcast of a Purcell concert recorded at Kensington Palace in the presence of the Prince of Wales; Roger Norrington's new recording of *The Fairy Queen*; and a Purcell concert transmitted (simultaneously with BBC2) from the Banqueting House in Whitehall.

After this initial flourish, Radio 3 plans to broadcast all Purcell's works during 1995. A series of documentaries will trace the history of British music. The London Symphony Orchestra's spring Tippett festival, conducted by Sir Colin Davis, will be broadcast, as will a complete cycle of Vaughan Williams symphonies. All of Britten's operas will also be transmitted during the year, and at the centenary Proms the premieres will include new pieces from Sir Harrison Birtwistle, Malcolm Williamson, John Casken and Judith Weir.

Nicholas Kenyon, the controller of Radio 3, said that the "Fairest Isle" season would provide "an ambitious picture of our national culture". Besides the music, Radio 3 also plans a wide-ranging series of radio dramas, including five Shakespeare plays, three Restoration dramas and three new plays.

All in her own good time

SOFIA Gubaidulina's explanation of the thinking behind her latest work, *Zeitgestalten* (Figures of Time) — commissioned by the John Feeney Trust for the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and dedicated to Simon Rattle — borders on the incomprehensible. The score itself, however, is luminous in its clarity.

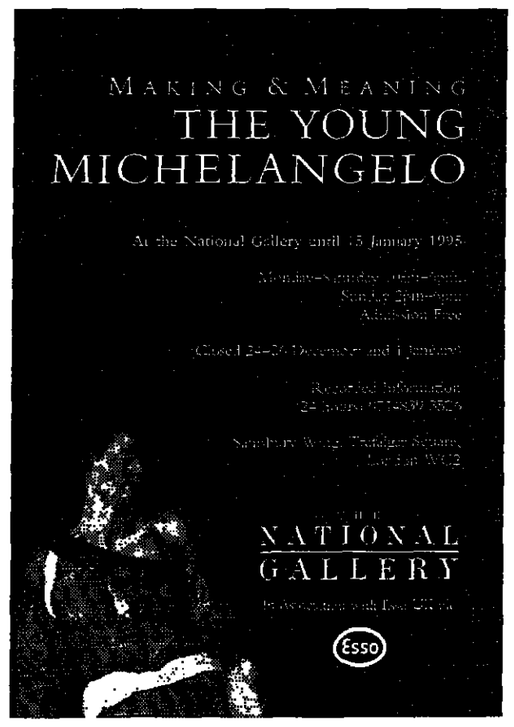
It is as difficult to approach *Zeitgestalten* as the "symphony in four movements" postulated in the subtitle as it is to follow the poetic concept of time enshrined within it. Every event in the first movement of *Zeitgestalten* — the sudden assault of the electric guitars or the accordion-like growling of the bayan — happens at a point which is both unpredictable and, it seems, inevitable. But, rather than being carried from event to event in the way you expect of a symphony, you have to wait for each one to arrive.

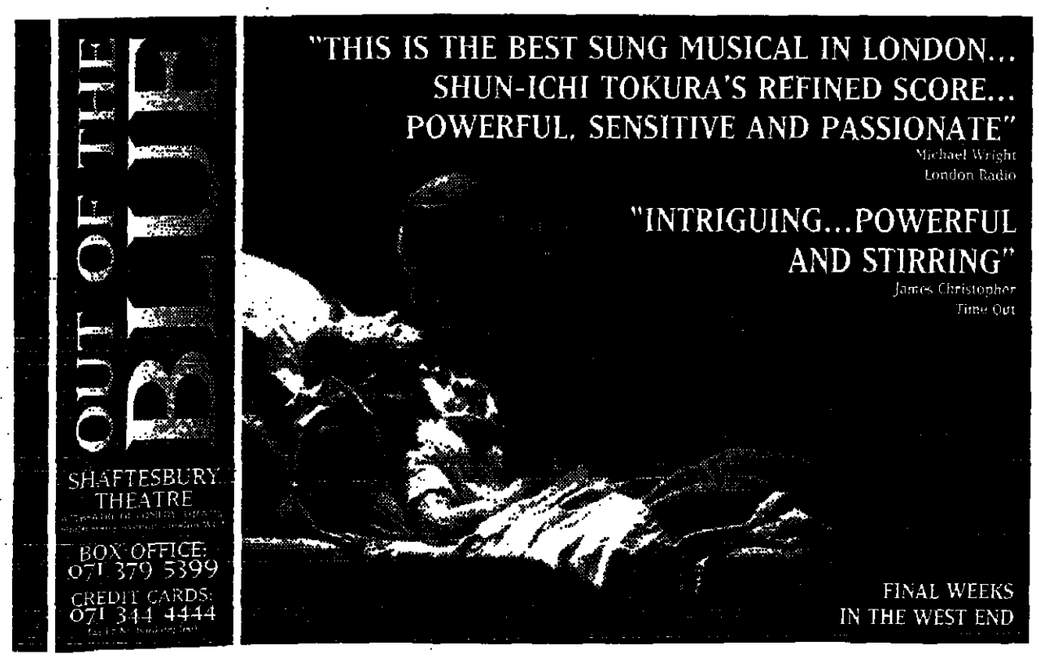
CBSO/Rattle
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

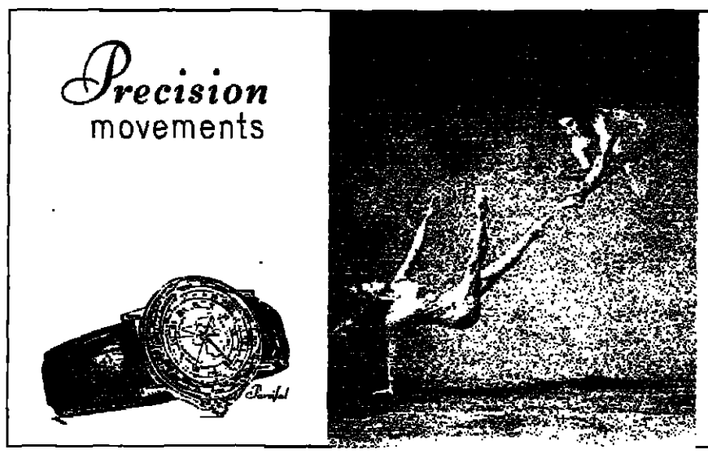
While you are waiting, Gubaidulina's extraordinary sense of instrumental colour, applied to a large orchestra with a particularly extensive array of percussion, secures textures which, though static, are often beautiful, never ugly, and always fascinating.

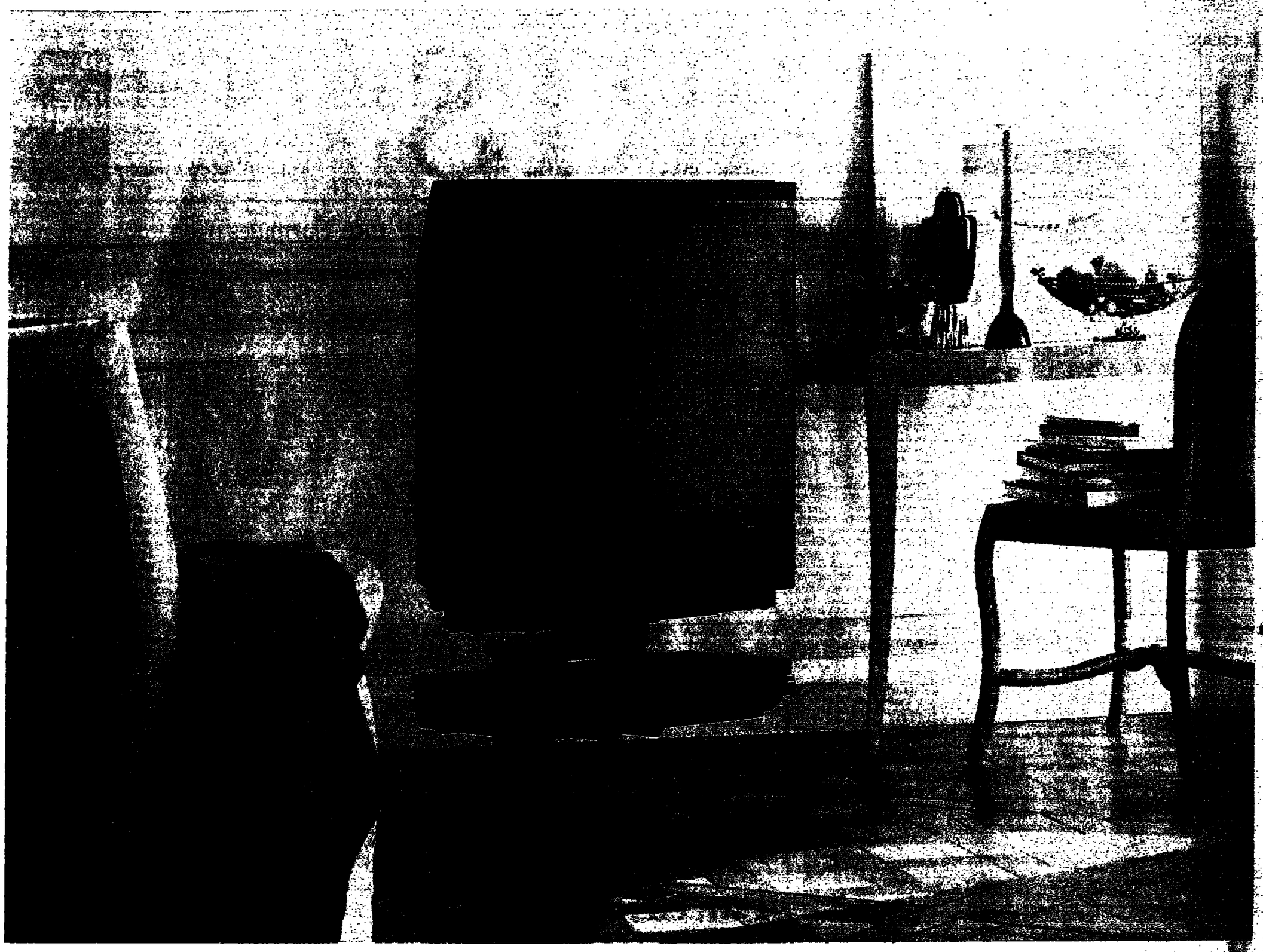
The concert began with Haydn's "Philosopher" Symphony which moves off with regular tread and irresistible purpose. It was an indication of the quality of the first performance of *Zeitgestalten*, which has no such purpose and no apparent destination apart from the point at which it started, that it was no less irresistible.

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POP: A 'New Country' star with a naked soul; MTV's Brandenburg rally

Listen to my diary

Paul Sexton hears the private confessions of songwriter Mary Chapin Carpenter



Mary Chapin Carpenter: "It's not the easiest thing to get on stage and put yourself forth"

It is strange that the most naturally reserved individuals can stand on stage in front of thousands of people and sing about themselves in the kind of confidential detail that is usually only committed to a diary with a padlock on it. Perfectly humble human beings right across the range of musical styles, from Garth Brooks through Bryan Adams to Jackson Browne, have advertised the triumphs and tragedies of their otherwise highly private lives, in concert and on record.

This compliment to the listener is part of the appeal of Mary Chapin Carpenter. Her fifth and best album, *Stones In The Road*, builds cleverly on her song-as-journal technique, creating a palette of shared emotions on one of the most tasteful, adult records of the year.

"It amazes me sometimes," muses Carpenter, "that I'll sit down with someone and they'll say, 'There are a lot of different moods on this record. Why is that?' And I'll say, 'Do you have bad moods?' "

Stones In The Road has a melancholy about it, which Carpenter admits is a reflection of the bewilderment she has felt in the two years that separate it from *Come On Come On*, her fourth and breakthrough album, which sold some 2.5 million copies, produced seven American country-chart singles and won her the latest of three Grammy awards for Top Female Vocal Performance with the song "I Feel Lucky". Two and a half years after its release, *Come On Come On* remains on both *Billboard*'s country and pop album charts.

"I Feel Lucky" caught the singer at her most emotionally upbeat, as she made fun of her own rise to prominence on the dubiously titled "New Country" scene: "Dwight Yoakam's in the corner trying to catch my eye/Lyle Lovett's right beside me with his hand upon my thigh".

Previous compositions such as "Read My Lips" and "Down At The Twist And Shout" (from *State Of The Heart* and *Shooting Straight In The Dark* respectively) had a similarly spry sense of fun about them, but on the new album's first single "Shut Up and Kiss Me", a No 1 country hit in America last month, even the *joie de vivre* is confessional: "Didn't expect to have to rise above my reputation for cynicism/Been a jaded lady when it comes to love".

"[The album] is certainly a reflection of the past couple of years of living for me," says Carpenter. "It's been great, but it's been really hard too. But I'm still here."

This is the traditional price of "overnight success", the roller coaster with no gears that grinds on to another tour, another round of interviews. "As I sit here and blab on, I actually do consider myself a private person and somewhat shy, and it's not the easiest thing to get on stage and put yourself forth. People think they know you very well through your songs, and to a certain point they do, but after a certain point they don't, and the people who have a distorted sense of boundaries are the people who you end up reading about in the paper."

She came to success relatively late. She did not sign with Columbia Records until she was 28, and although her 1987 debut *Hometown Girl* won awards in her adopted Washington home, it failed to ignite commercially. With plenty of "real life" already behind her, Carpenter had a mature perspective on her entrée into the supposed promised land of a major label.

She was born in Princeton, New Jersey, but lived in Tokyo for two years as a child and, before the Columbia deal, was gigging around Washington and worked for a small foundation. "The six years I worked there was on policy on human rights issues in Central America and South Africa. I was just an administrative person, but I really believed in the work and it kept my brain from rotting.

"I went from making this tape that I was going to sell out of my back pocket at gigs to signing with Columbia Records. It was like 'what's wrong with this picture' and for a while I think a lot of people thought there was something wrong. I wasn't exactly selling a million records. But you have to be realistic about what you're comparing it to — what I had at that time was a bunch of gigs around town and a job that paid my rent that I really enjoyed. So if it didn't fly, it didn't fly."

But with slow and steady grace, her career has indeed taken flight, and Carpenter has matured into a songwriter unafraid of undressing her soul on new songs such as "The End of My Pirate Days" and "Where Time Stands Still", and one capable of turning a *New York Times* obituary headline into a strikingly mature composition, as she does with "John Doe No 24", a sensitive piece with a wonderfully evocative soprano saxophone motif by Branford Marsalis.

"I was reading the obituaries, and it was the headline that blew me away, it said 'Unknown since 1945, John Doe takes his secret to the grave'. It was like a novel."

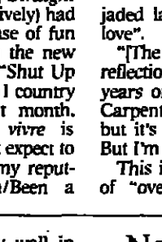
She applies discipline to the craft, writing in an office at home. "It's just another room in my apartment, but some days it's a prison, and other days it's this place that feels like everything works, I've got all these tools at my disposal."

Like all writers with a full range of expressive powers, she understands that melancholy music, too, can possess an uplifting power. "If I'm in a mood that I want to go home and have a crying jag, I know exactly what songs I'll pick, what classical album I'm going to pull out, what passage I'm going to pick. It feels good to feel bad. I think there's been a song about that."

● *Mary Chapin Carpenter plays an acoustic concert at Her Majesty's Theatre, London, on Sunday. She returns for shows with her full band at Hammersmith Apollo on May 5 and 6, 1995.*

Not cool — just very cold: the MTV awards in Berlin

Top brass monkeys



CAITLIN MORAN

There is a new wall in Berlin — a fence constructed of scary-looking bouncers is keeping "the punters" away from "the talent". "The talent" is rolling up to the first European MTV Awards in whale-sized limousines, checking the apocalyptic laser-display with self-satisfied grins and generally Being Famous to the nth degree. "The punters", who number about 2,000, are there to scream at the talent's — or any of the talent's mates' — cars, in temperatures below freezing, with transistor radios and lethally potent vodka-and-gin hip flasks.

MTV has brought the traffic in Berlin to a standstill. All the wasteland around the Brandenburg Gate has been requisitioned for the building of "the World's Largest Temporary Construction" (in truth, a glorified tent), and the population of Berlin is hyper-aware that their city has been graced with the epitome of showbiz this year. The more impressionable Berliners are trying to sample a bit of the glory in the only way they know how — by freezing their rude bits off by the unloading bay at the awards venue. Most of them would *kill* for a ticket to the event. The truth is, they probably had a better time of it than those who did have tickets. "The greatest party in the world", as it is constantly referred to, being watched by "240 *million* people", as we are endlessly reminded throughout the night, is actually duller than watching a parliamentary debate on EU concessions with the sound off.

I'm only here by accident — I came to Berlin to interview Tom Jones and ended up being given a ticket to the awards by his press officer. The world's biggest temporary construction is also the world's coldest construction: the temperature is -3C outside; it is also -3C inside. Everyone huddles into their coats. There is no bar — instead, 20 beleaguered German teenagers carrying baskets full of miniature bottles of tequila try to serve drinks to 5,000 people. However, most people veto drinking, as, for 2,500 women, there appear to be only 12 toilets, which do not flush. The atmosphere is dead, as is to be expected. Only "industry" is allowed into the event — a room full of A&R men, press officers, journalists and sundry ne'er-do-well bigwigs. These are people who, with a few exceptions, are *tired* of rock'n'roll.

The awards begin. Four of the world's most famous supermodels appear wearing not many clothes. A large curtain is pulled back, displaying the Brandenburg Gate lit up with lasers. George Michael rises on a hydraulic lift and starts singing "Freedom". Nobody present cares very much. They have seen it all before. And it is *freezing*.

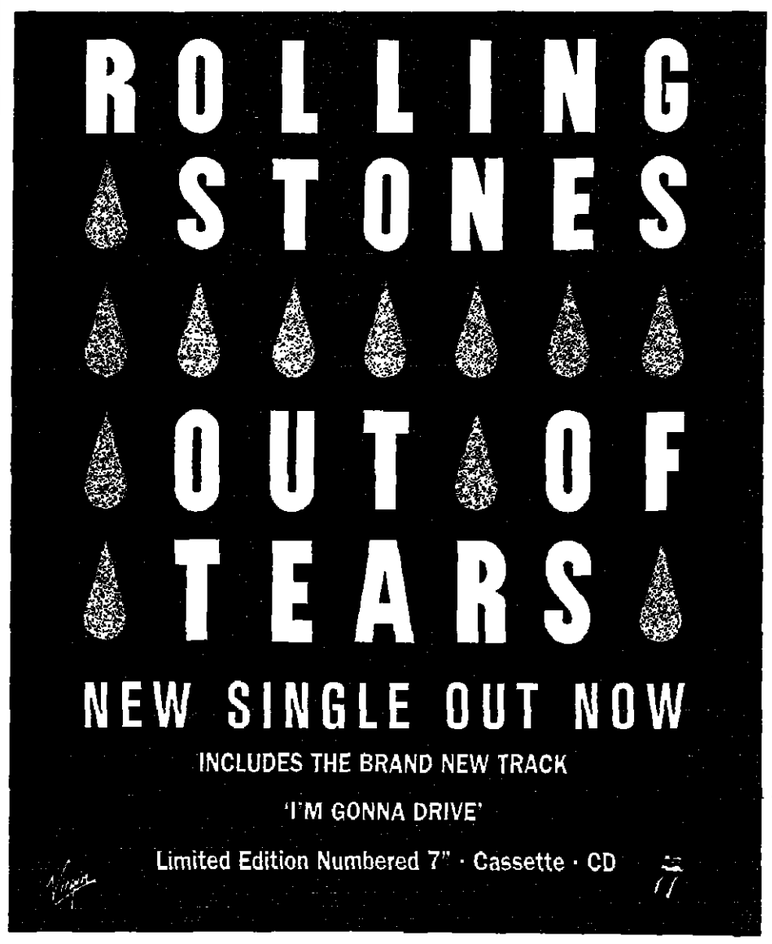
The ceremony continues. Tom Jones is the host, struggling unsuccessfully with an appalling script, faulty sound and an audience who would not summon a scream if Bono ran on stage and blasted his own legs off with a shotgun.

Next year — if there is a next year — MTV should give out, say, 500 free tickets to "punters", who would be thrilled to be there and would give the ceremony a genuine air of excitement.

The choice of winners is *very* disappointing — I'm sure Mariah Carey is the model next-door neighbour, and does endless things for charity that we never hear about, but (a) *she should never release another record again* (this is a woman so cynical about rock'n'roll that she recorded her Christmas single in January *last year*) and (b) she picks up the award for Best Female over Björk.

And when it comes to Breakthrough Artist of 1994, when even something as staid as MTV could afford to take a chance, the judges pass over Beck, the stunning Whale and Therapy? in order to give the MTV-logo-on-a-spring award to Crash Test Dummies, who inflicted the dolorous "Mmm Mmm Mmm Mmm" on us all summer. Why not come round and slap us all individually in the face, MTV?

Still, it all looked ace on telly, apparently.



WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

FESTIVAL OF TREES: The second annual Coca-Cola Festival of Trees is another eclectic mix of magical designs. Imaginations have run riot with, among others, polar and teddy bear themes from Simpsons and Tiffany, an incandescent cherub from Garrard, Christmas crackers from the Faberge St Petersburg Collection and a *resplendent monetary tree complete with a cheque signed by Charles Dickens, from Coutts*. Free admission to the foyer or on view from the street.
Coutts & Co, 440 Strand. 9.30am-4pm; until Dec 5. Auction on Dec 8 in aid of Save the Children.

THE FAIRY QUEEN: The indefatigable Lina Lalandi provides another feast for the eyes and ears when the English Bach Festival presents Purcell's masterpiece. With her usual all-or-nothing finesse, the audience will be treated to a spectacle that replaces the play with mimed sequences between *the masques, costume designs after* drawings by Inigo Jones, articulated gold leather dragons and a grand Chinese finale.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-304 4000). Sun, 6.30pm.

MELVYN TAN: The deservedly popular fortepianist continues the Barbican's celebrity recital series on Sunday with a programme of Schumann, Mendelssohn and Schubert. Later that evening, Richard Hickox leads the **London Symphony Orchestra** for works by Malcolm Arnold and Rachmaninov, plus Elgar's rarely performed *The Black Knight*.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Sun, 4pm and 7.30pm

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Treat yourself to the **Dionne Warwick** experience tomorrow night; there are a few seats left for her glamorous *tour de force*. No doubt where Whitney got her training from.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333). Sat, pm.

Music of another sort is also on offer in Birmingham through next week: the all-singing, jive-jumping **Five Guys Named Moe** hits town as part of a national tour.
Alexandra, Suffolk Street, Queensway (021-633 3325). Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm; Fri and Sat, 6.15 and 8.45pm.

COVENTRY: Dame Kiri te Kanawa joins David Frost and the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra tomorrow night to celebrate the history of the Christmas carol. The programme includes carols that span the centuries, with the choristers of Coventry and Lichfield Cathedrals conducted by Robin Stapleton. In aid of the Coventry Cathedral Development Trust and filmed for Christmas broadcast.
Coventry Cathedral (0625 573 477). Sat, 7pm.

EDINBURGH: Carol Kidd launches a busy musical weekend at the Queen's Hall tonight. She brings along her favourite trio — David Newton, David Green and Allan Ganley — for an evening of great standards and jazz. Rameau's Suite from *Dardanus* opens tomorrow's programme from the **Scottish Chamber Orchestra,** which includes Ravel's *Mother Goose* Suite and Faure's Requiem. The pianist **Mitsuko Uchida** takes over on Monday for another recital in her acclaimed *Schubert and Schoenberg series*.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street (031-668 2019). Tonight, 8.30pm; Sat and Mon, 7.45pm

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Barbican: A Bitter Truth: Avant-Garde *Art and the Great War (071-638 4141)* **British Museum:** Pre-Raphaelite Drawings; Mexican Gallery (071-636 1555) ... **Hayward:** The Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990 (071-928 3144) ... **National Portrait Gallery** Christina Rossetti (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery:** The Young Michelangelo (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy:** The Glory of Venice (071-439 7438) ... **Tate:** From Gainsborough to the Pre-Raphaelites: Works on Paper (887 8000) ... **V & A:** Mexican Gallery. Streetstyle (938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE:** Nigel Hawthorne directs and stars as Lord Ogleby in the comedy by George Colman, the Elder, and David Garrick. Written 100 years after the Restoration but catching the old style.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Now previewing, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Opens Dec 5 until Mar 11.

◪ **GRIMM TALES:** *Hansel and Gretel and Iron Hans*, woven together with other tales recorded by the Brothers Grimm. Carol Ann Duffy (adapter) and *Tim Supple (director) return to the pre-Victorian version of the texts, and the grotesque costumes look terrific.*
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363) *Now previewing; opens Dec 7.*

◪ **HAMLET:** Peter Hall directs Stephen Dillane's darkly humorous, self-defeating Prince, *backed by excellent* playing from Michael Pennington, *Donald Sinden and Alan Dobie.*
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm.

◪ **MOSCOW STATIONS:** Final performances for Tom Courtenay's *award-winning show as an alcoholic* lost on the Moscow Underground.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

□ **NEW ENGLAND.** Richard Nelson looks at the English abroad, behaving just as Americans say we do. Interesting ideas and good acting led by Angela Thorne, David Burke and Mick Ford. Peter Gill directs.
Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891). *Tonight-Dec 10*, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2pm.

■ **OLIVER!** Lavish Cameron Mackintosh revival of the Bart musical. Jonathan Pryce plays Fagin, Sam Mendes directs.
Palladium, Argyll St, W1 (071-494 5020). *Now previewing*, 7.30pm. Opens Dec 8, 7pm.

□ **ON APPROVAL:** Peter Hall gives us *the Lonsdale play as it was and is.* a sophisticated, diverting but relatively sexless piece. *Martin Jarvis is in brilliant* form, with Anna Carteret, Louise Lombard and Simon Ward.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

□ **OUT OF A HOUSE WALKED A MAN:** Theatre de Complicite resurrects, as a series of musical scenes, the virtually unknown writings of the Russian Absurdist, Daniil Kharms, who died in one of Stalin's death camps.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Mon, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.15pm

◪ **A PASSIONATE WOMAN:** Stephanie Cole plays a woman who'd rather sit on the roof and dream than attend her son's wedding: *Ned Sherrin directs Kay Mellor's entertaining,* though lightweight comedy.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

□ **RAISING FIRES:** Black Essex girl suspected of arson in the days of witch burning. Strong sense of period in Jenny McLeod's award-winning play about, greed, gossip and hypocrisy.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). *Mon-Sat, 8pm.*

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN:** Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille show how youthful high spirits petrify into grim old age. Superb performances in Edward Albee's powerful drama.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **TREASURE ISLAND:** Roy Marsden *stomps on stage as Long John Silver in* Robert Louis Stevenson's rip-roaring tale of pirates and buried treasure. Adapted by Glyn Robbins.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, EC4 (071-236 2211). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats most days, 2pm and 2.30pm. Until Jan 14.

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET** (U): John Hughes's gooey but just about digestible remake of the 1947 fantasy, with Richard Attenborough as a department store Santa.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CRONOS (18): A alchemist's device offers eternal youth and a taste for blood. Imaginative Mexican vampire film from promising director Guillermo del Toro.
Metro (071-437 0757)

TO DIE FOR (15): Feeble British supernatural comedy about the aftermath of a lover's death from Aids. Peter Mackenzie Litten directs.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

◆ **TRIAL BY JURY** (15): Will juror Joanne Whalley-Kilmer submit to Mafia pressure? Laughable courtroom drama, with Gabriel Byrne, William Hurt and Armand Assante. Director, Heywood Gould.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **CORRINA, CORRINA** (PG): Housemaid Whoopi Goldberg reawakens a household numbed by *grief. Increasingly predictable* sentimental drama, with Ray Liotta.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **A GOOD MAN IN AFRICA** (15): Misjudged version of William Boyd's comic novel about corruption and *morality in West Africa. With Sean* Connery, Colin Friels, Louis Gossett Jr, John Lithgow, Diana Rigg. Director, Bruce Beresford.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

◆ **HIGHLANDER III: THE SORCERER** (15): Incoherent addition to the tiresome series about Christopher Lambert's wandering immortal. Director, Andy Morahan.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ ***I LOVE TROUBLE*** (PG). Romantic comedy thriller that fails to match its vintage Hollywood models. With Julia Roberts and Nick Nolte; director, Charles Shyer.
Odeon West End (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **MARY SHELLEY'S FRANKENSTEIN** (15): Unwieldy, overdone, unenjoyable slog through the famous story. Kenneth Branagh directs and stars with *Robert De Niro*, Helena Bonham Carter, John Cleese and Richard Briers.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

MY FAIR LADY (U): Resplendent restored print of the 1964 musical, with Rex Harrison, Audrey Hepburn, very familiar tunes and Edwardian finery galore. Directed by George Cukor.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

◆ **THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS** (PG): The King of Hallowe'en tries to take over Christmas. Technically brilliant puppet fantasy conceived by Tim Burton, directed by *Henry Selick.*
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915 574) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE SHADOW** (12): Laboured adventures of the 1930s superhero crimefighter, with Alec Baldwin, John Lone, Ian McKellen as the Professor and Penelope Ann Miller. Director, Russell Mulcahy.
Plaza (0800 888997) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

POP ALBUMS: The release of the Beatles' BBC recordings excites only nostalgia

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Pop go the Beatles: John, Ringo, Paul and George in the van of the golden age of the Light Programme

THE BEATLES
Live At The BBC
(Apple/EMI 8 31796)

MANY people will, of course, be surprised to discover that the Beatles lived at the BBC, but in other respects this album is not quite the revelation everyone would have liked it to be.

A collection of 56 tracks recorded by the *Fab Four for the BBC Light* Programme between 1963 and 1965, interspersed with snippets of chat and lighthearted goofing around, *Live At The BBC* is a relic from an era which, in terms of pop music, now seems unbelievably distant. As Derek Taylor's sleeve notes recall, it was a time "when London was six/eight hours from Liverpool ... There was no takeaway food save fish and chips. No *Sun* newspaper. The rudest thing in newsprint was *Reveille*. Television was black and white; there were two channels."

Even though the Beatles eventually played a large part in sweeping it away, *Live At The BBC* reflects this age of cultural and technological innocence. A long but rapid-fire sequence of songs, recorded in one-take sessions on primitive mono tape recorders, it is a collection of performances that were designed for instant consumption, not detailed scrutiny through the magnifying glass of history. Some are inferior versions of big hits ("A Hard Day's Night", "I Feel Fine", "Can't Buy Me Love"); others are rare, often unique, recordings of lesser songs ("I'll Be On My Way", "Young Blood", "I Just Don't Understand"); and many are boisterous, off-the-cuff interpretations of numbers by the great American songwriters of the day (Chuck Berry, Lieber & Stoller, Buddy Holly and Carl Perkins, among others).

Beatles fans — and there is a bit of Beatles fan in everyone of a certain vintage — cannot fail to appreciate the nostalgic charm of the album, although the silly quips between numbers tend to grate quite quickly.

But by its very nature, *Live At The BBC* is second-rate fare, offered only in the prolonged absence of any new Beatles material, and would make a disappointing introduction for anybody wondering what the most important group in the history of rock really sounded like.

MIKE OLDFIELD
The Songs Of Distant Earth
(WEA 4509 98581)

INSPIRED by Arthur C. Clarke's book of the same name, *The Songs Of Distant Earth* might just as easily have been commissioned to accompany scenes of a boat trip down the Amazon, or pictures of dolphins cavorting in a grey sea, or an animation by Raymond Briggs called something like *Santa's Big Night Out*.

As usual, Mike Oldfield harnesses scrupulously non-specific instrumental themes to arrangements which heave and swell to vaguely portentous effect, but without ever quite resolving themselves into anything more than the sum of their parts.

"Let There Be Light" sounds like Mark Knopfler hitching a ride aboard *Chariots Of Fire*, while "Only Time Will Tell" conjures an image of Jean Michel Jarre stranded, *sans* light show, in an African desert.

Musically it has the taste and consistency of high-quality cake mix, and as a straightforward repetition of a familiar formula the album fulfils its function perfectly.

THE AUTEURS AND μ-ZIQ
The Auteurs vs μ-ziq
(Hut 8 39973)

THIS bizarre coupling involves sonic texturalist μ-ziq (pronounced music) borrowing a small batch of recordings by indie-rock tunesmiths the Auteurs and putting them through the electronic mincer.

μ-ziq, the recording and performing alias of 21-year-old Mike Paradinas from Wimbledon, is one of the new breed of ambient techno-boffins who do not let traditional notions of harmony and rhythm interfere with the search for ever more intriguing sounds and atmospheric effects. In his hands, the careworn riffs of "Lenny Valentino", "Chinese Bakery" and "Underground Movies" are transformed into barely recognisable soundscapes, their melodies reduced to eerie, pulsating cycles of sound with little more than a vaguely familiar ring (Luke Haines's singing is ditched altogether).

Victory goes then to μ-ziq, by a knockout punch. Auteurs fans beware.

PHIL ALVIN
County Fair 2000
(Hightone Records HCD 8056)

STILL best known as leader and mainstay of Angeleno roots-rockers the Blasters, Phil Alvin is not the most prolific of solo artists: his last such album was released nearly ten years ago.

And although it is Alvin's name alone on the front cover of *County Fair 2000*, the track listing reveals a host of guest contributors, including the Blasters (on four tracks), trad jazzers the Faultline Syncopators (three tracks), celebrated New Orleans stompers the Dirty Dozen Brass Band (three tracks) and bluesman Billy Boy Arnold (one appearance).

Each of this motley cast lends the album some of its distinctively authentic flavour, but it is Alvin's wry songwriting and deep, country-blues singing style that moulds the various pieces into a coherent whole. Not so much retro as a full-scale archaeological dig, the album is an affectionate journey to the pre-rock'n'roll roots of black American music.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Carry on up the Charts: The Best Of	Beautiful South (Go! Discs)
2	Cross Road: The Best Of	Bon Jovi (Jambco)
3	Vitalogy	Pearl Jam (Epic)
4	Live at the BBC	Beatles (Apple)
5	Fields of Gold: The Best Of 1984-94	Sting (A&M)
6	(The Best Of) New Order	New Order (London)
7	Always and Forever	Eternal (EMI)
8	Bizarre Fruit	M People (Deconstruction)
9	Labour of Love 1 & 2	UB40 (DEP International)
10	The Hit List	Cliff Richard (EMI)

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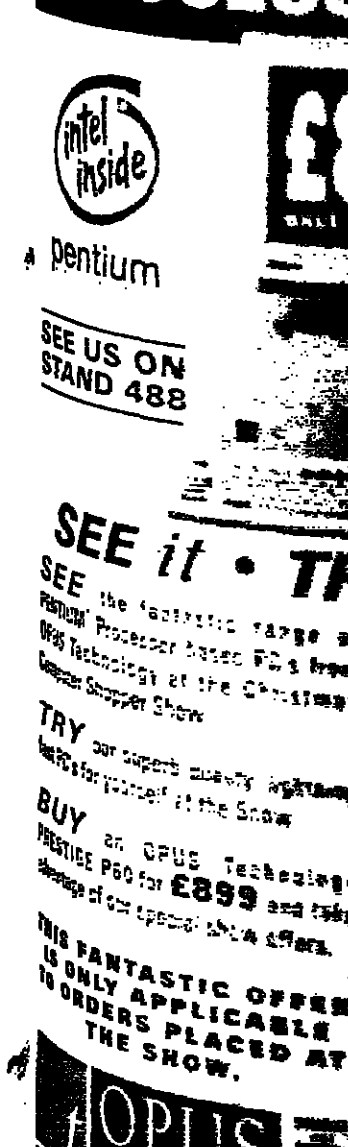
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The extraction of secret information from BT's computers should make managers look anew at the security of their systems, says **Matthew May**

Facing up to the fraudsters

The ease with which a temporary employee at BT managed to delve into its database and extract the secret telephone numbers of MI5, the royal family and the Prime Minister is a clear example of appalling internal security by BT over use of its computers.

But the fact that the list of numbers could then be transferred at the press of a button into electronic mailboxes on the Internet group of computer networks should be seen as an important warning to other companies that new types of security for accessing computers may be needed.

Once, those who became privy to information they should not have would have been limited to showing it to a few friends or, if convinced it should have a wider audience, notifying the media in the hope they would see that it was of sufficient public interest to be published or broadcast. Now with the growth of the Internet anyone can become an instant publisher, mischief-makers included, and able to disseminate information to a huge audience for almost nothing. The checks and balances of conventional publishing — libel laws, commercial constraints, and the editorial process — are absent.

In the BT case, the secret phone numbers were placed only in private electronic mailboxes. But just as easily they could have been "posted" into one of the thousands of electronic discussion areas available on the Internet, potentially making them available to any of the 20 million or so people with access to it. Within a few hours, there would no doubt be messages in other discussion groups informing everyone where to go if they wanted to look at really secret information.

Because the Internet is a collection of networks linking information held on thousands of computers spanning the world, it is unlikely anyone would have been able to get rid of it or refuse to carry it.

There is a strong principle of free access and no censorship by many of those making information held on their computers available over the Internet. There are, for example, facilities to help people to put information into electronic discussion groups anonymously by using a "double blind" system which means that readers cannot trace its origins. It is used widely in the electronic discussion groups about sex and by those posting messages that are pornographic. Even if governments or companies could bring enough pressure to have confidential information removed from the Internet, the chances are it would already have been widely copied by other users.

The moral for those holding sensitive information must be that, given how much easier it has become to broadcast confidential information, it is even more important to guard against unauthorised access. But despite constant pleas from security consultants, passwords are still often easily crackable, someone's name or the date of a birthday, for example, and most are rarely changed.

Some experts are convinced that the whole idea of using something as simple as a password for accessing sensitive computer information is inherently unsafe and are looking for alternatives.

Psychologists at Cardiff University, for example, have been testing a face recognition system invented by Hugh Davies and called Visage. It is being suggested as an ideal way to replace computer passwords or PIN numbers for cashpoint terminals.

People would initially be shown pictures of three or four faces to remember and given time to learn them. Haydn Ellis, Professor of Psychology at Cardiff University, says surprisingly little time is needed because face recognition is extremely efficient compared with learning passwords.

Most people have an excellent memory for faces, he says, as we can each store thousands of face images in our memory and easily discern the most subtle differences among millions of faces.

Instead of having to input a password or number, users would be asked to recognise quickly three of four faces from a random array of faces displayed on a computer terminal or cash machine and key in numbers beneath them. The numbers would be different each time a computer was accessed.

"You might think the system could be beaten if someone describes his or her key features to another, but just as we are superb at recognising faces, we are hopeless at describing them in anything but the grossest terms," says Professor Ellis. "So unlike a password or PIN, the recipient of a face code cannot pass that code onto someone else, even under duress."

Derek McDermott is managing director of Informer Systems, a Midlands company that is developing a smart card system as an optional extra to its existing security software. He argues that the same principle that applies to cash machines should be used for any computers holding sensitive information.

To withdraw cash, users need both a card and a PIN number and, he argues, some categories of computer users should have to memorise a PIN number and use smart cards that contain a password as well.

Users would not know the password on their cards which would be designed to give access only to those parts of a computer system necessary for that employee's job. Any potential hacker would not only have to find out the PIN number but also the password on the card.

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A Cardiff University student researching the security advantages of a face-recognition system

Giant masts on march

Planning gaps are changing the look of the countryside

THE BRITISH landscape is under threat from a tide of telecommunications masts being installed to back the boom in mobile phones, environmentalists say.

Revised Department of Environment rules governing mobile-phone masts were made in December 1992. Critics claim that this has led to a planning free-for-all since mobile phone companies are allowed to put masts up to 50ft high without the need for a council's planning approval. The masts can also be sited on buildings, which increase their apparent height and the effect of visual intrusion.

Taller masts do require planning permission, but countryside campaigners claim that, even then, phone companies often win at planning inquiries because the rules are vague and in their favour.

James Shorten, planning officer at the Council for the Protection of Rural England, says that though the rules ask network operators to try to share masts, many rival companies prefer to build their own. He said: "This can lead to the ridiculous situation where you have four masts within a mile of each other."



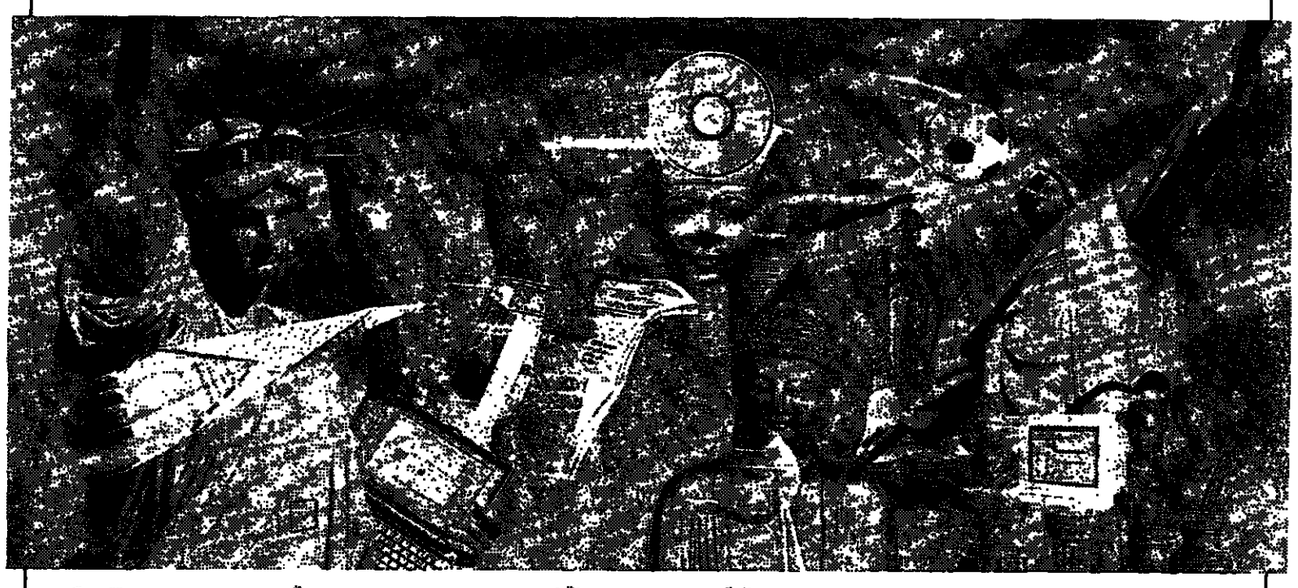
Mast at M40's Junction 2

Many of the cellphone operators, such as Mercury One-2-One and Orange, are just starting to develop their services and will be installing many more over the coming years. Even well-established ones such as Cellnet and Vodaphone still have more masts to install to improve services and to cover the whole country.

South Buckinghamshire District Council recently had its objections to a mast more than 100ft at Burtley Wood, an ancient woodland near Junction 2 on the M40, turned down on appeal.

Cellnet says that 60 per cent of its masts are shared with other operators. But it admitted that "sharing was not always possible with rivals". A spokesman said Cellnet also tried to site masts sensitively and to disguise them if possible. He cited the case of Ely Cathedral in Cambridgeshire: "We have quite a few antennas on top. But they are built to look like flagpoles."

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Tradition boosts the future

Emma Woollacott looks at the linking of a new industry with the City of London traditions

When Anne Walford, the wife of the new Lord Mayor of London, Christopher Walford, took her place beside him at the Lord Mayor's Show last month, her presence gave a boost to one area of information technology, because she is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists.

The company is the most recently formed of the City of London's 100 livery companies, having been granted livery by the Court of Alderman in 1992. The livery companies are closely bound up in the constitutional framework of the City, and are involved in the election of sheriffs and the Lord Mayor.

Sir Brian Jenkins, the company's recently appointed master and a former Lord Mayor, says that the purpose of the company is fundamentally a charitable one. It is also a very useful way to make contacts. With social and "networking" events high on the agenda, there are regular receptions, lunches and charity dinners, as well as industry presentations and seminars.

But what are the chances of being able to join this exclusive club? According to Sir Brian, the company is keen to hear from prospective members. "We're always very interested in recruits — and particularly if they bring another dimension of information technology that perhaps is not well represented in the company," he says.

Those joining pay a "fine" of £300, and an annual subscription of £110 thereafter. Membership is limited to those people actively involved in IT management or practice, and who are prepared to get truly involved in the company.

Recruitment is by introduction only: prospective freemen must find a proposer and a seconder. This is partly to stop the company growing so large that members do not get to know one another, and partly for constitutional reasons. Though the company's grant of livery allows it any number of freemen, the number of liverymen is limited to 300.

However, according to Gill Davies, clerk of the company, it will help suitable applicants to find proposers and seconders. It has, for example, regular "open house" meetings at a wine bar in Fleet Street to help people to get to know one another. "Basically," she says, "we are not a closed shop. We have a broad membership."

One of the company's initiatives is its apprenticeship scheme. Young people are sponsored to study IT academically while at the same time receiving work experience. "It is a much-needed scheme," says Sir Brian, "as the relative youth of the IT industry means that a lot of companies lack an effective career development plan for young people."

The company has about 20 apprentices, mostly teenagers, and hopes to place another dozen or so next year. "Over four years, they get introduced to different companies and learn different aspects of the business. They also meet a lot of people at the dinners and social occasions," says Andy Anderson, apprentice master.

Ian McCaw won the company's apprentice of the year award last year. He works four days a week at Servicetec and studies software engineering at Edinburgh's Napier University on the fifth day.

"The apprentice scheme has really changed what I'm doing," says Mr McCaw. "It is a much more structured approach to learning. At the end of the four-year course, I will have a degree, and four years' work experience as well."



Anne Walford: Liveryman

He says that the networking aspect has been of enormous benefit to him, particularly at this early stage of his career. "When you go to company events you meet a lot of important people. I've met Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft, for example, and the managing directors of many big companies, like Logica."

As a new company, the Information Technologists lack the bulging coffers of some older livery companies. Masons Solicitors, in Clerkenwell, has provided offices, but finding cash for charitable works is another matter.

This encourages members to put their industry experience to work. "We have to approach it in a quite imaginative way," says Sir Brian. "What we have is expertise and energy, so we ask how we can help good causes through that expertise. For example, we arrange for surplus hardware to be cleaned up, made to work, and made available for missionary work overseas."

Sir Brian argues that although the IT industry has no lack of professional bodies, only the Worshipful Company of Information Techologists is so focused on evangelising the industry and its place in the City. And, he says, the aura of tradition and reliability conveyed by the company's livery is an important tool in this work.

"We need to realise the strength this gives us," he says. "It is also a demonstration to our colleagues overseas that the City is stable. It doesn't change and it understands the importance of tradition."



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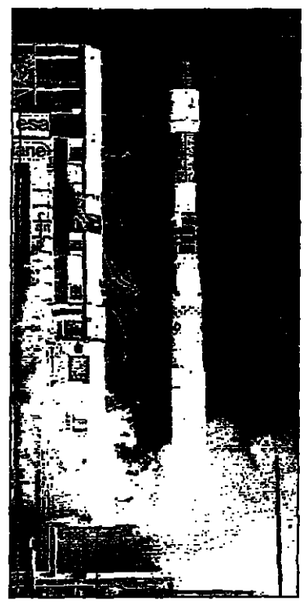
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George Cole gives advice for shoppers wanting more extra-terrestrial television channels

Don't miss new satellite signals



If the idea of buying a satellite television system appeals this Christmas, take extra care, because big changes are on the way. Most satellite systems on sale in Britain are designed for the Astra series of satellites, owned by SES, a Luxembourg-based company.

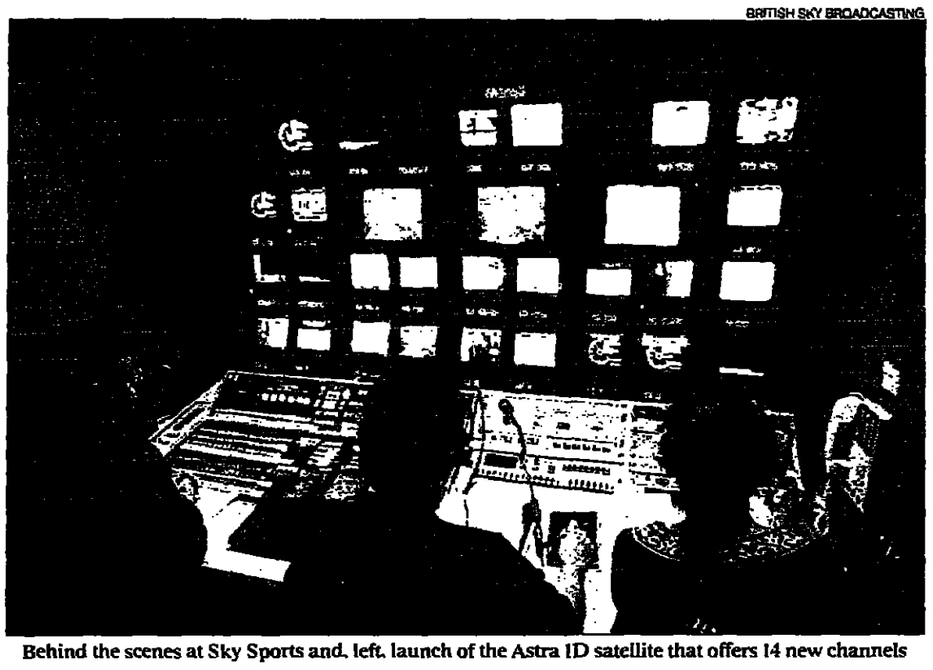
It operates several European television satellites — Astra 1A, 1B and 1C — which offer up to 48 channels. All channels can be received from a single dish and receiver. More than 54 million homes in Europe can now get their programmes. Just over a month ago, Astra 1D, a new satellite that will come into service early next year and offer up to 14 new channels, was launched.

Many existing Astra owners will need new equipment to watch the extra channels, and Christmas buyers should check that their equipment will be able to receive programmes from 1D. Plenty of satellite receivers still on sale will not. Astra 1D will also be a testing ground for digital TV, which is likely to bring hundreds of new channels, as well as services such as interactive TV.

Today's broadcasting systems are analogue formats which transmit programmes in the form of a wave, but digital systems transmit sound and pictures as computer code. The computer data can be compressed or reduced, allowing several or more television channels to be squeezed into the space now occupied by a single analogue channel. The first digital television services will be available next year.

Celso Azevedo, SES's technical director, says SES could offer a full digital service from Astra 1D from January, but it will take time for broadcasters and manufacturers to develop digital systems.

BRITISH SKY BROADCASTING



Behind the scenes at Sky Sports and, left, launch of the Astra 1D satellite that offers 14 new channels

Viewers wanting to tune to new digital channels will need a special digital decoder, which will plug into their home TV set. Fortunately, they will need only one digital receiver for all digital programmes, regardless of who makes them.

This is because a consortium of more than 140 European manufacturers, broadcasters and programme makers, known as DVB (the Digital Video Broadcasting group), has agreed to use a standard digital system called MPEG-2. This enables several high-definition channels or about ten VHS-quality channels to be transmitted from a single satellite transponder — the part of the satellite that beams the programmes down to Earth. The DVB consortium, which includes the BBC, BSkyB and Philips, has also agreed in principle on a common scrambling system, although several details have yet to be finalised.

NTL and the Yorkshire-based company Pace have formed a joint venture to develop and market domestic digital receivers. The first production model will be shown this month. The receiver, which will also contain circuitry for unscrambling pictures, should cost about £300.

This summer, the Californian company Hughes launched a digital satellite TV service in North America, called DirecTV. This offers viewers around 150 channels and Hughes says this could be increased to 500. Hughes is now considering offering a DirecTV service in Europe.

European manufacturers and programmers will spend the first six months of 1995 testing digital systems, by which time, Astra 1E will be launched. This could offer up to 180 digital channels. The French company Canal Plus has booked four transponders on Astra 1E and a further two on Astra 1F, a second digital television satellite, due to be launched in 1996.

Digital television will not only mean more channels to choose from, but it will introduce a new generation of interactive or two-way services. These will allow television viewers to call up additional programme information — such as an actor's biography — order goods or take part in tele-voting.

But there are still some issues to be resolved. SES says it has no immediate plans to charge programme companies more for using digital services, even though these will allow them to transmit more channels from a single transponder.

Mr Azevedo says: "More channels will mean that they will have lots of extra charges to to contend with. However, in the long term, companies may be charged by the amount of digital data that they transmit."

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Move over Nerdspeak

COMPUTER companies are some of the worst offenders when it comes to using jargon. Yet the sponsor of next week's Plain English Awards is none other than the personal computer maker Compaq.

David Furniss, the company's consumer marketing manager, says: "We think it's about time we started using plain and simple English in our communications."

Phone war

YOUNG conscripts to the Israeli army who find it tough leaving their families are increasingly carrying mobile telephones. Growing numbers of the teenagers have been turning up with the phones to stay in touch with parents worried that their offspring might have been caught in the latest troubles.

Out the Windows

ONE OF Europe's largest PC manufacturers has decided to terminate all existing agreements with Microsoft to include the software makers' Windows and DOS operating systems on the desktop computers it sells. Instead the majority of Vobis's Highscreen personal computers will now be sold with IBM's OS/2 operating system.

Theo Lieven, Vobis's co-founder and chairman, said it made the change because of the "anti-competitive practices required of Microsoft's licensees". Vobis is now negotiating with the software giant over whether to continue using Microsoft operating systems.

Top laptops

THE computer era dawned in Russia's parliament last week as every member of the 450-seat Duma lower house took delivery of a top-of-the-range laptop computer worth £2,500. Some deputies were visibly baffled by the machines, supposed to help them to organise their parliamentary work, and paid for out of state funds.



Car-tech

FRANCE and Germany have urged the European Union to give a high priority to developing the new "telematics" technology that will one day lead to the automation of car driving and public transport. Telematics is the shorthand term for the increasing use of computers and telecommunications to make car use more efficient and environmentally friendly.

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Mono portables are fast fading

Colour for portable computers is improving at a rapid rate

PORTABLE computers with monochrome screens are on the way out. Hugh Barnes, a Compaq vice-president, claims they may soon be found only in the bargain bin.

He says: "People want colour and to the extent that it is becoming more affordable, it is in very high demand." Demand for the highest-quality kind of flat-screen colour display — the active matrix colour Thin Film Transfer (TFT) screen — has, he adds, long exceeded demand. Mr Barnes predicts the high prices for TFT screens will continue to fall.

Part of the problem with the supply and expense of TFT screens is that they are made only in Japan. But other companies, particularly Korea's Samsung, are joining in.

TFT displays will also be in demand for many other uses from smart phones with a 4in to 5in screen to navigation systems being designed into the next generation of cars, as well as entertainment systems such as the seatback displays of first and business class cabins in planes.

For now, the predominant display technology for notebook computers over the next year will be passive matrix colour "super twisted nematic" (STN). It gives slightly less clarity and ease of viewing than TFT screens but will get cheaper and is expected to replace monochrome portables.

Mr Barnes says: "TFT is faster and offers better viewing angles, but STN contrast ratio and brightness are improving. TFT is what you will want for speed and for full-motion video."

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Customers at the Cyberia café drink coffee and key into the superhighway

Last January Al Gore, the American Vice-President, introduced a phrase that has since made the steady progression from little-used technojargon to overworked media cliché.

Now the information superhighway is very visibly under construction. For instance, the Cyberia café, in London's Soho, offers not only good cups of espresso coffee but also the chance to sit at a row of PCs and "surf" across the Internet. At the BBC viewers' letters are received by electronic mail: the sale of modems is booming and scarcely a new personal computer comes out without a CD-Rom drive installed.

The ability to dial into the electronic world is rapidly becoming part of personal computing. Access software is built into the latest Apple Macintosh operating system, the next version of Windows will follow suit, and online software is now being included with manufacturers' computers, including the two PC giants, Compaq and IBM.

This summer *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* became the first British newspapers to go online, through the Delphi network. The *Evening Standard* and *The Daily Telegraph* have followed suit. Next year a flood of new PC products will continue to fuel the growth of the online world, not least the new version of the Microsoft Windows operating system which promises instant access to a global information network.

CD-Roms that are regularly updated or specialist online networks are rapidly becoming the main way for many businesses to collect vital trade data, such as credit references and company information.

Standard conventional reference works, such as *The Oxford English Dictionary* and *The Guinness Book of Records*, are now well established in electronic form.

A few months ago they were joined by the travelling business person's bible, *The Official Airline Guide*, which will now happily sit on the hard disc of a personal computer and compile a precise itinerary of flights, based on the schedules of the world's air carriers, in a matter of seconds.

The biggest-selling encyclopaedia in the world now comes not from a traditional paper-based publisher but from Microsoft's Encarta, a glitzy, easy-to-use, all-seeing, reading and hearing family reference work.

The British publisher, Dorling Kindersley, in which Microsoft holds a stake, is moving into CD-Rom, with fast-selling titles that marry the high quality graphics and design of its educational and factual titles with the audio, video and interactive possibilities of the digital medium.

Gradually, these CD-Rom-based titles are also making their way onto the online networks. The access speed of the typical PC is still too slow to cope with multimedia, but when that problem disappears, most electronic publishing could surely migrate away from a disc you slot into your machine, to a distant, digital datastore that is always up-to-the-minute with its information.

Multimedia CD-Rom may help to sell a lot of PCs this Christmas, but it remains a small part of the electronic publishing sector. The online world is dominated by commerce to an extent that few evangelists appreciate.

The American analysts, Simba Information, in a report on online services earlier this year, conclude that only 5 per cent of their revenues come from individual consumers. The vast majority comes from business and professional services, with online brokerage and marketing networks forming the two largest sectors. This will change as the PC continues to turn into a consumer-electronics product.

Simba predicts a yearly 20 per cent growth on the consumer side of the business until 1998, and a 57 per cent rise in total online sales over the next five years to more than £11 billion.

But the medium still has some way to go before electronic publishing, outside a few distinct areas, becomes an everyday form of communication. The most uncertain part of the equation at the moment is the very thing which is attracting most consumers to the online idea — the Internet.

This worldwide link of computer networks is, as Bill Gates, Microsoft's founder, says, "the Wild West". There is no central control of content, little general security, and no simple tools to charge people for what they use online. Until these basic facilities appear, any electronic publisher which wants to charge for its work is likely to choose commercial networks where a pay-to-view service is in place.

The Internet of today is a marvellous, and occasionally disturbing, medium. There are a number of efforts under way to bring better forms of security and control to its access. But as a commercial publishing medium it will suffer from serious disadvantages for some time to come.

A trawl around the existing commercial networks — which do exercise some form of editorial control — can call up live stories from a host of news wires, including Britain's Press Association, travel information from the AA, airline booking data and substantial back-issue databases of newspapers and magazines.

All the signs are that for the immediate future at least, the Internet will become the home of the new "alternative" publishers who 25 years ago might have been working for *Oz*. For the stuff of news-stands, you may have to look elsewhere.

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Microsoft goes for a bite of Apple business

Online computer systems allow people with a personal computer and modem to access an unprecedented wealth of information over the phone line, *David Hewson writes*. They usually grow piece by piece. Apple's attractive eWorld network, for example, took six months to come to Europe and is still creeping cautiously across the globe.

The Microsoft online network, by contrast, will not be available until the middle of next year. It is here already for the select bunch who have been marked out as test users. The online network is slow, and a little lacking in content, but the very fact that you can already dial straight into it, using a local number in most of Britain and America, says much for Microsoft's drive to become big in the online business.

> The battle to provide online services is hotting up

But Jeremy Gittins, Microsoft's UK product manager for Windows 95, says stories that Microsoft will be seeking only a million online customers worldwide in its first year are wrong. He claims that the network will rapidly surpass the 2.4 million subscribers for Compuserve, today's biggest commercial system.



A screen shot of the Microsoft network

Unsurprisingly, Compuserve, which started as a small local network in 1969 and has taken a long time to grow to its present international preeminence, sees things differently.

Barry Berkov, its executive vice-president, believes that Microsoft's size is no guarantee of success. "In general," he says, "Compuserve benefits from increased attention given to online services. We signed up 120,000 new members last month, a record.

"Even with the new competition, the battle remains the same: offering content of value that keeps people coming back."

Compuserve's case is that it takes many years to build a range of information material that will satisfy users' needs. Certainly Apple's eWorld, which had been in the works for several years before its launch last summer, is still struggling to generate a broad range of services for its subscribers.

Microsoft enters the game without the market share of Compuserve to attract information providers or corporate links with existing publishing organisations. How quickly will Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft, manage to fill his acres of electronic newsprint, and with what?

According to Mr Gittins, the new network will be like a shopping mall. Entry to it will be effectively free but you will have to pay for the items you choose to buy. Decoded, what this means is that Microsoft intends to charge a very low monthly subscription fee to allow subscribers through the door and into basic services such as E-mail, the Internet news groups and bulletin boards. Once you progress to the commercial areas, the meter on your monthly standing order for the service begins to run.

This is very similar to Compuserve's own rather complex pricing policy, which involves basic and extended rates and also charges for E-mails that pass through the network's gateways into other systems, such as the Internet.

Cost apart, the most important factor to determine the growth of any network today is the ease with which you can access it. Compuserve experienced huge growth in its subscriber base when the service came out with a graphical-user interface that took most of the hard work out of online communications.

Apple's eWorld, which portrays the network as an electronic community in which you click on buildings like libraries and post offices to perform specific tasks, has successfully taken the metaphor further, but currently only for Macintosh users.

Microsoft's network comes somewhere between the two. The "pages" look rather like the information section of an American in-flight magazine — lots of white space, simple, snappy captions and plenty of graphics that look as though they might have come from a Dorling Kindersley illustrated book.

Just as with Apple's eWorld, it is easy to imagine someone new to computers clicking on the various pages to find out what lurks beneath them.

Microsoft also intends to set the pace on access speed. Most networks are at present restricted to a maximum data rate of 14,400 bits a second which, on a day when the phone lines are feeling well-disposed, will allow you to transfer one megabyte of information in about 11 minutes.

Microsoft intends to adopt the new 28,800 rate as soon as possible and has used high-speed fibre-optic links as the backbone of its network. These will allow it to go even further, eventually onto the broadband capabilities of interactive television.

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Check the software option

Buying computers is the easy part of Christmas shopping, says Nick Cottam

There's a screaming message from Dixons this Christmas — multimedia. Holding court astride the mountain of electronic merriment is what the retail chain describes as "the future of home computing — two smart speakers, a CD-Rom drive... a must sir... and, of course, plenty of software thrown in".

But what software? This is the 600-plus megabyte question for anyone contemplating the jump from about £800 minimum for a basic personal computer to at least £1,200 for one including CD-Rom, the computer version of the compact disc — each able to store a huge amount of information.

If, as one estimate suggests, 60 per cent of the festive computers sold by Dixons are going to be multimedia, the time has come for consumers to take a hard look at the software available.

The good news is that the days when CD-Rom relied heavily on half-baked demos, games and remakes are disappearing fast. There are now titles to improve your mind as well as your reflexes.

The choice of CD-Rom titles is growing, largely because of the growing interest of major publishers such as Microsoft, Voyager and most recently Dorling Kindersley, the book publisher that launched its first batch of CD-Rom reference titles in September.

If you have a CD-Rom and want to demonstrate that there is more to life than games, however good the graphics, there are now the titles and outlets to do so. At the same time, those who do decide to spend £100 or more on a single piece of software should make sure that what they buy is good enough.

"In the early days a lot of publishers were simply taking existing material and putting it on CD-Rom," suggests Matthew Richards, editor of *CD-Rom Today*, one of a batch of new magazines which bear witness to the changing tempo. "But the quality of software is now much better and the market has grown up in a relatively short space of time."

In hardware terms, this is largely down to a critical mass which could reach 600,000 CD-Rom machines installed this year out of a total of 7.5 million home and business PCs in Britain. No wonder the Microsofts of this world take electronic publishing so seriously. So seriously in Microsoft's case that despite good sales of Encarta, its widely acclaimed encyclopaedia product, the company is now working on a British version for release next year. Encarta 96 on this side of the Atlantic will have up to 60 per cent of its content dedicated to Britain, including such cultural yardsticks as sport, politics and history.

This, though, is unlikely to slow British purchases of Encarta 95, which the company claims shows every sign of topping the 100,000 sales achieved by the 94 version.

The great advantage of accessing some of the better reference material available on CD-Rom — apart from all that sound and movement — is the facility for relating one piece of information to another. If, for example, you are investigating circular motion, one of 1,700 topics contained in Dorling Kindersley's new *Encyclopaedia of Science*, you simply click on the word force to take yourself into that new subject area.

The same goes for other Dorling Kindersley titles such as *The Human Body* and *The Way Things Work*, where each new click on an interesting word or section can take you to another level of detail or related information. Andrew Goff, the company's multimedia manager, argues that far from giving us grasshopper minds, this facility, known as hypertext, mirrors the process by which we acquire knowledge and develop an understanding of the world around us. "From the earliest age," he says, "we go about gathering bite-sized pieces of information for a well-rounded view of life."

While consumers can now look at anything from the *Guinness Book of Records* to the works of Jane Austen on CD-Rom, businesses are also starting to take the medium more seriously as a tool for both presenting and accessing information.

One company, Infobank, is about to introduce what it describes as the CD-Rom business superstore, a catalogue of computer products that will include the option of selecting software and having it downloaded direct to the desktop PC. The aim, says Julie Collier-Smith, Infobank's marketing manager, "is to provide corporate customers with all the most popular software packages". It should also be able to prevent the type of computer hacking that has been seen as a disadvantage of such a service.

Subscribers who want to order software direct will have to make their way through a three-tier encryption system, typing in a personal user identity and an unlocking code before the software is released to them. Infobank is confident that the one in four of the larger corporates that are expected to have CD-Rom by the time it launches the service in February will be more than willing to use the service.

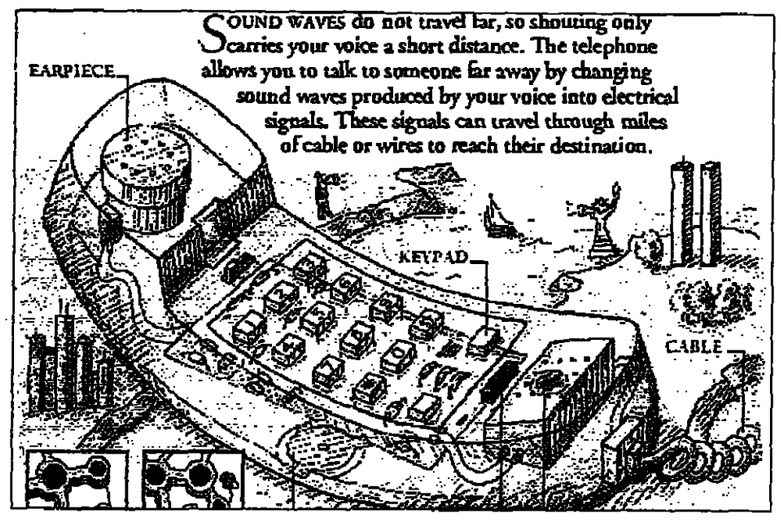
Already established in a growing number of companies is the use of CD-Roms for multimedia presentations to clients and public audiences. A big-screen presentation, for example, can be controlled using a CD-Rom computer to combine hard information and commentary with video clips, documentary footage and high-resolution graphics.

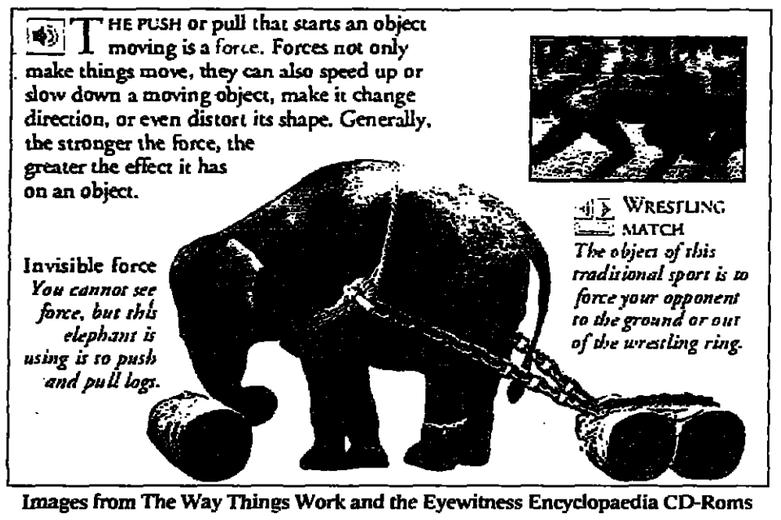
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Once they have been viewed on screen, photographs can be incorporated straight into a publication, saving the time and cost of using an outside agency.

According to David Howsen, a buyer and multimedia manager at WH Smith, which has just introduced CD-Roms into its first five stores, rumours of the book's imminent demise are exaggerated. "We see the two as complementary," he says. "When both are available, they will be put on display in the same part of the store."

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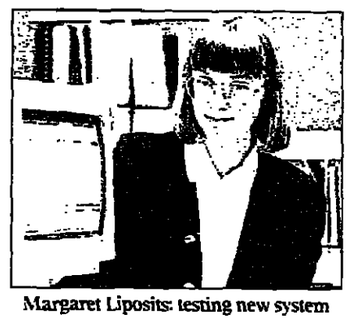
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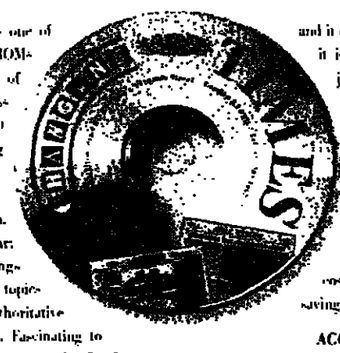
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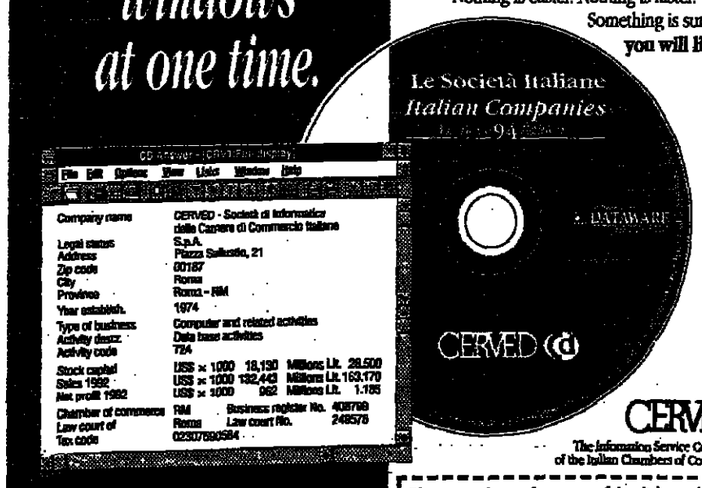
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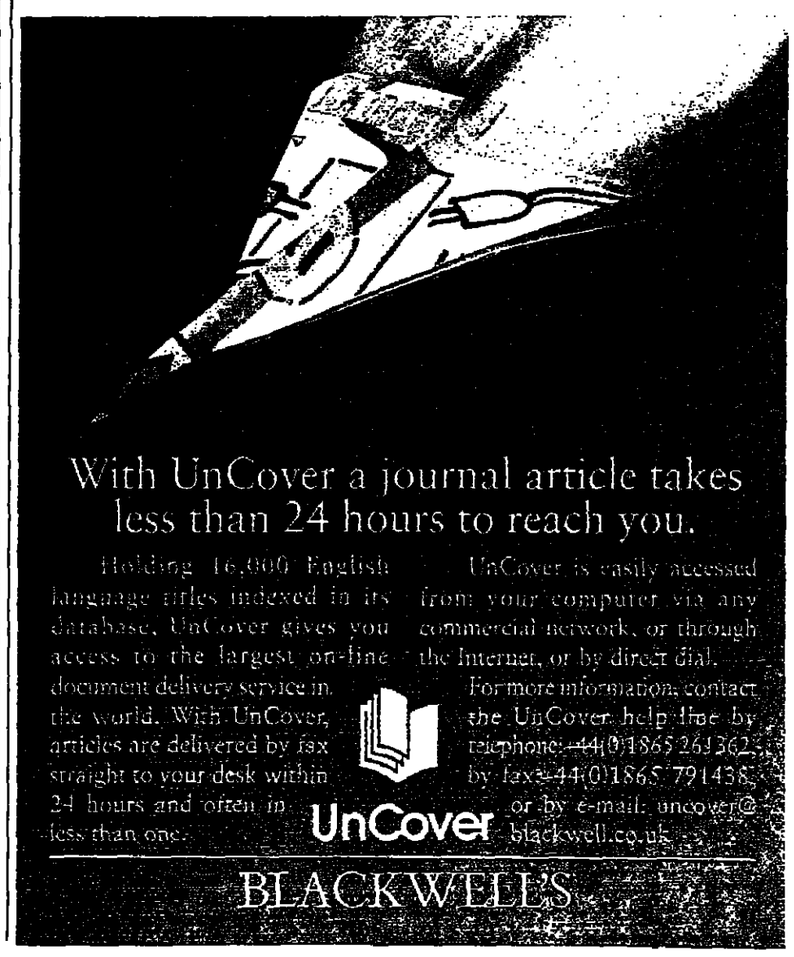
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Queen's Bench Divisional Court — Law Report December 2 1994 — Queen's Bench Division

Petitioners entitled to disclosure

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Hickey and Others
Regina v Same, Ex parte Bamber
Regina v Same, Ex parte Malone
Regina v Same, Ex parte Davis

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Buckley

[Judgment November 28]

When a person petitioned the Secretary of State for the Home Department to refer his conviction to the Court of Appeal under section 17 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 as unsafe and unsatisfactory, evidence from investigations *ordered by the secretary of state to* assist in determining whether to refer the case should be disclosed in advance of the secretary of state's decision as to referral.

When considering a petition under section 17 of the 1968 Act the secretary of state should ask whether new material could reasonably cause the Court of Appeal to regard the verdict as unsafe.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing, to the extent of declaratory relief, the applications of Michael Hickey, Vincent Hickey, James Robinson, Jeremy Bamber, Paul Malone and Sammy Davis for judicial review of the decisions of the Secretary of State for the Home Department made on August 16, 1993 regarding the Hickeys and Robinson, on May 5, 1994 regarding Bamber, on April 6, 1994 regarding Malone, and on January 27, 1991 regarding Davis, that he would not disclose material from investigations he *had ordered to assist in making his* decision under section 17 of the 1968 Act and in allowing the *application of Sammy Davis for certiorari* to quash the decision of the secretary of state made on February 22, 1991 not to refer his case under section 17.

Mr Edward Fitzgerald for Michael Hickey, Vincent Hickey and Robinson; Mr Frederic Reynold, QC and Mr Richard Clayton for Bamber; Mr David Harris, QC and Mr Graham Wood for Malone; Mr Nicholas Blake, QC, for Davis; Mr Stephen Richards for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that provided there was new evidence and he was not asking the Court of Appeal to reexamine the same case that had been rejected, the question for the secretary of state to ask was: "Could the new material reasonably cause the Court of Appeal to regard the verdict as unsafe?"

Any duty of disclosure owed by the secretary of state was not comparable to that owed by the prosecution in criminal proceedings but petitioners ought to be able to to make effective *representations on whatever material* had been revealed by the secretary of state's enquiries.

If the enquiries seemed to resolve *matters against the petitioner* he should have the opportunity to address those fresh obstacles before an adverse decision was taken against him. Without advance disclosure an adverse decision might not be right and would not be fair.

Plainly the secretary of state was able to control any exchanges and would generally, perhaps, afford the petitioner only one opportunity to reply. If there were further enquiries then he might return to the petitioner a second time but once he thought that that process had exhausted its usefulness he could end it.

The courts would not require greater openness and disclosure than fairness demanded and, as was the case *in civil litigation*, courts would not order the disclosure of confidences where unnecessary.

There might be exceptional cases where a different approach was necessary, so that for example, the *information of informers would be* protected and where there was a risk of intimidation that should be reflected in the level of disclosure.

In deciding the level of disclosure the guiding principle was to give sufficient disclosure to enable the petitioner properly to present his best case.

A less sweeping and absolute approach was called for than the *disclosure regime* that had *now* been introduced for the parole board scheme but almost without exception there should be disclosure in relation to expert evidence in the context of section 17 references.

That sort of evidence was most fairly and conveniently dealt with by verbatim disclosure. The secretary of state should alert petitioners to both favourable and adverse material, it being a matter for him whether to do so verbatim or in gist. With police witnesses, prison officers and similar there might be compelling reasons for verbatim disclosure but that was not necessarily the case.

Mr Justice Buckley agreed.

Solicitors: Taylor Nichol, Finsbury Park; *Glaisyers, Birmingham*; Edwards Frais Abrahamson, Liverpool; B. M. Birnberg & Co; Treasury Solicitor.

Diminished responsibility claim

Regina v Mitchell

It was not the law that the two elements set out in section 2(1) of the Homicide Act 1951: (i) abnormality of mind and (ii) substantial impairment of mental responsibility, had to be considered *in the order set out in the* section.

The Court of Appeal (Lord *Justice Staughton, Mr Justice Waterhouse* and Mr Justice Morison) so stated on November 14, when dismissing the appeal of *Thomas Wilson Mitchell against* his conviction by a majority of ten to two at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court (Mr Justice Sedley and a jury) of murder.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that the judge's direction on the defence of diminished responsibility was criticised because it allowed the jury to consider the two elements in the reverse order to the way in *which they were set out in the* section.

The two questions the jury had to determine were clearly linked. *It was open to them to ask themselves* whether, on the evidence they had heard, it was probable that the appellant's mental responsibility was substantially impaired.

Relevant to that was the question whether any sane, sensible person would have acted as the appellant did if their responsibility for their actions had not been substantially impaired.

That was very much tied to the question whether the appellant was suffering from abnormality of mind.

The judge's direction could not properly be criticised.

Misleading description lawful

Sanders and Another v Chichester and Another

Before Mr Justice Dyson and Mr Justice Forbes

[Judgment November 11]

A candidate in an election who *correctly provided his full names* and address was entitled to describe himself as a "Literal Democrat" in his nomination paper even though the description might lead to him being confused with the Liberal Democrat candidate, as rule 6(3) of the Parliamentary Election Rules in Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983 provided that a candidate was sufficiently identified by his full names and address.

An Election Court of the Queen's Bench Division so held in determining four preliminary *questions in an election petition* stated by way of special case brought by Adrian Mark Sanders, the *Liberal* Democrat candidate, concerning the European Parliament election for the Devon and East Plymouth constituency *held* on June 9, 1994.

The basis of the application was that the description "Literal Democrat" in the nomination paper of Richard John Huggett was intended to confuse and mislead the electorate.

The result of the election was that Mr Huggett polled over 10,000 votes and the Liberal Democrat candidate polled 800 fewer votes than the Conservative candidate, Giles Bryan Chichester, who was elected.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Michael Burrell for Mr Sanders; Mr Michael Tugenhadt, QC and Mr Richard M. Price for Mr Chichester; Mr Timothy Straker *for the returning officer*; Mr James Lewis for the DPP.

MR JUSTICE DYSON, giving the judgment of the court, said that the effect of *rule* 6(2) and (3) was that the full names and home address were treated as being sufficient to identify the candidate. Only they were mandatory. That was fundamental. The description was optional.

It followed that Parliament decided that the ballot paper was not the necessary medium for communicating to the electorate information about the attributes of the candidate. Parliament clearly thought that such information could and would be made available by other means during the election campaign.

There were only two requirements of a description. First, it must not exceed six words in length. Second, it must together with the candidate's other particulars be sufficient to identify him. There was no requirement that the description be true, fair or not confusing, so long as with the other particulars, it was sufficient to identify the candidate.

If it appeared to the returning *officer that the description with the* candidate's other particulars was not sufficient to identify him he was entitled, and indeed bound, to hold a *nomination* paper invalid under rule 12(2)(a) on the ground that the particulars were not "as required by law". The returning officer was given no express power to investigate the validity of the description.

Mr Beloff submitted that there had to be an ancillary power given to the returning officer and a corresponding duty imposed upon him to examine the nomination paper in question and compare it with any other relevant information; and, if necessary in a case where a rival candidate asserted the same or similar description, to make enquiries of the candidate to *decide* which candidate had the *better claim to the description* where he judged it to be confusing and insufficient to distinguish one candidate from another.

It was plain a person's description was capable of assisting in the identification of him. If a father and son, both living at the same address and bearing the same names, stood as candidates in an election the only way in which they could be separately identified on paper was by some description.

Accordingly, the court accepted that as a matter of fact a description might be necessary to provide sufficiency of identification. However, in enacting the rules, Parliament decided that full names and address were sufficient to identify the candidate.

Accordingly, the emphasis was entirely on the person and not the attributes of the candidate. The purpose of rule 6(2) was to identify the candidate *qua* individual. The fact that some voters might be confused by a candidate's chosen words of description was irrelevant for the purpose of the Act and rules unless those words had *obscured the identification given to* the candidate by his full name and address.

The description of Mr Huggett did not remove the sufficiency of the identification of him given by his full name and home address. The most that it did was potentially to mislead some voters into thinking that he had some attribute which was exclusive to Mr Sanders, namely that he was the official Liberal Democrat party candidate.

Accordingly Mr Huggett's description did satisfy the requirements of rule 6(3).

Upon the true construction of rule 12(2)(a) the returning officer was not entitled, when considering whether to hold a nomination paper invalid, to investigate the *facts underlying the name, address* or description of the candidate.

It was inconceivable that if Parliament had intended that the returning officer should conduct investigations of underlying facts that it would not have so provided in the rules and would not have provided effective machinery to that end.

It was clear that contrary to what might be thought to be the popular view, Parliament had focused on certain minimum criteria for identifying candidates which did not include references to political parties, it being assumed that voters would learn all they needed to know about the candidates during the election campaigns.

It was also clear that the rules did not prohibit candidates, whether out of spite or a wicked sense of fun, from describing themselves in a confusing way or indulging in spoiling tactics.

Parliament had considered those matters at length and in detail during the debates on the Representation of the People Bill in December 1968.

Parliament was so anxious to avoid returning officers becoming involved in what might be called political controversy that it was prepared to take a risk that occasionally there would be misleading and confusing descriptions.

In other jurisdictions a wholly different course had been adopted involving electoral commissions, a system of registration of political parties and a statutory provision limiting the ability of candidates to use the name of a political party.

It might be in the light of the instant case that Parliament would wish to consider again whether a similar regime should be adopted for the conduct of elections in the United Kingdom.

Solicitors: Nicholson Graham & Jones; Penningtons; Sharpe Pritchard; Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

Scots Law Report December 2 1994 High Court of Justiciary

Finding of Divisional Court is not binding on the Scottish court

Bennett v HM Advocate

Before the Lord Justice-General (Lord Hope), Lord Allanbridge and Lord Sutherland

[Judgment October 18]

There were no grounds for the suspension of a warrant granted by a Scottish court for the arrest of a suspect in England, notwithstanding a decision by the *High Court in England that he* had been brought to the United Kingdom unlawfully with the collusion of the English police, and therefore could not be arrested by the English authorities, because the Scottish court was not bound by that finding, and in any event the prosecuting authorities in Scotland had not been involved in the alleged irregularity.

The High Court of Justiciary, sitting as the Court of Criminal Appeal, so held, refusing a petition by Paul James Bennett for the suspension of a warrant granted on November 20, 1989 by the *Sheriff of Grampian, Highland* and Islands at Aberdeen on a petition by the procurator fiscal.

Mr Graham Bell, QC, and Miss Joyce Powrie for the petitioner; Mr Thomas Dawson, QC, Solicitor-general for Scotland, for the Lord Advocate.

THE LORD JUSTICE-GENERAL, delivering the opinion of the court, said that the petitioner, who was a citizen of New Zealand, had been wanted on charges of acts of fraud and deception allegedly committed in England and Scotland.

He had been arrested in South Africa and held in custody until he had been placed, handcuffed to the seat, on a flight from Johannesburg arriving at Heathrow on February 22, 1991, when he was immediately arrested by a member of the Metropolitan Police.

He had subsequently been committed for trial in England, but had been granted leave to bring proceedings in that jurisdiction for judicial review of his committal (*R v Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Bennett* (*The Times* June 25, 1993; [1994] AC 42).

In those proceedings the House of Lords had held that "The High Court . . . has power to enquire into the circumstances by which a person has been brought within the jurisdiction and if satisfied that it was in disregard of extradition procedures it may stay the prosecution and order the release of the accused."

Thereafter, the Divisional Court (*The Times* April 1, 1994) having heard evidence, had held that the petitioner had reached England in defiance of extradition procedures in consequence of some collusion *in improper procedure between* the English and South African authorities and that for that reason he had not properly been available for arrest at Heathrow, and had quashed the committal.

He had subsequently given an *undertaking to the Divisional* Court that he would not leave the United Kingdom until a decision had been taken in the present proceedings and in proceedings for judicial review then pending in the Divisional Court for judicial review of a decision of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and the Chief Constable of Grampian Police to execute the Scottish warrant within the jurisdiction of the High Court of England and Wales (see *R v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and Another, Ex parte Bennett* (*The Times* November 10)).

Prior to the petitioner's ultimate departure from South Africa, the South African authorities had decided to deport him to New Zealand. Arrangements had been made for him to be flown to Taiwan for transfer to New Zealand.

The petitioner averred that at Taipei he had attempted to disembark but had been restrained by two men who had identified themselves as South African police and had been returned to South Africa.

The Solicitor-general submitted that what had happened was that on the flight to Taiwan the petitioner had been given his passport, but had destroyed it. His arrival at Taipei without it had resulted in his being sent back immediately to South Africa, where he had been detained until arrangements had been made for his deportation to New Zealand via Heathrow.

It was not disputed that the Lord Advocate and his representatives had taken no part in the arrangements which had led to the petitioner's arrest at Heathrow.

The petitioner submitted that the result was nevertheless that the Lord Advocate was seeking to take advantage of illegal actings by the authorities in another part of the *United Kingdom. He had thereby* been deprived of the protection he would otherwise have had under the Extradition Act 1989.

He recognised that in *Sinclair v HM Advocate* ((1890) 17 R 38) it had been held that any irregularity by a foreign Government or its subordinate officers did not affect proceedings in Scotland where the warrant granted by the Scottish court was itself competent and regular.

But he submitted that, in view of the decision in *Ex parte Bennett*, *Sinclair* ought to be reviewed by a larger court and that, if there was a dispute about the facts, their Lordships should resolve it by hearing evidence.

If their Lordships had been satisfied that the facts were as they had been found by the Divisional Court and that this was a case where, to use Lord Bridge's words in *Ex parte Bennett* (at p67G-H) the law enforcement agencies in England had participated in violations of international law and of the law of South Africa in order to *secure the presence of the petitioner* within the jurisdiction of the English court, they would have wished *Sinclair* to be reviewed.

One of the cases cited in that case had been *Ex parte Susannah Scott* ((1829) 9 BC 446).

The House of Lords had now disapproved of that line of authority in the English courts, and decided as a matter of principle that maintenance of the rule of law in those matters ought to prevail over the public interest in the prosecution and punishment of crime.

There might well be room in those circumstances for regarding some of the *dicta* in *Sinclair*, if not the decision itself, as out of line with modern thinking on that subject not only in England but in other legal systems, notably those of New Zealand and South Africa.

But the decision of the Divisional Court was not binding on the court. The petitioner's argument assumed that, although aware that the English authorities had participated in an abuse of process, the Lord Advocate had decided to ignore that fact and take advantage of the illegality.

It lost much of its force if the true position was that, having made his own enquiries, the Lord Advocate was satisfied that there had been no such illegality.

The court was not bound to follow the opinion of the Lord Advocate, but it had to be treated with respect especially where it appeared to be consistent with the undisputed information.

The South African authorities had resorted to deportation, not extradition. Whether that process had been conducted illegally by them was something into which their Lordships could not enquire. The only criticism of the legality of the South African procedures was that the petitioner had been placed on the flight to London in defiance of an order of the Supreme Court of South Africa.

That was not admitted by the Lord Advocate, but in any event it was not said that the authorities there were not otherwise entitled to deport the petitioner or that the authorities in England were aware *that such order had been made*.

The petitioner's complaint was about the route which had been taken for his removal. It did not appear that he would have had any complaint if he had been repatriated to New Zealand and then extradited.

The question was whether he had been placed on the plane to Heathrow as a result of collusion between the South African and English authorities in order to avoid the necessity for his being extradited from New Zealand. It was agreed that he had been taken first to Taipei *en route* to New Zealand.

It appeared to their Lordships to be stretching credulity too far to suggest that the expedition to Taipei had been an elaborate *subterfuge, arranged in collusion* with the English authorities, to justify his being flown to London on the pretext that that was an alternative way of getting him to New Zealand.

The information which the Lord Advocate had obtained about the destruction by the petitioner of his travel documents, his being denied transfer to another airline in Taipei and his return to South Africa for that reason provided a much more likely explanation.

Nor did it seem to their Lordships to be extraordinary that the route via London had then been selected as the more secure way of travelling to New Zealand, in view of the difficulties which affected *travel to and from South Africa in* 1991.

In alleging collusion by the English authorities, the petitioner relied upon an internal Crown Prosecution Service memorandum of February 4, 1991 which had clearly impressed the Divisional Court. But it had been written before it had been decided to send him to New Zealand by way of Taipei instead of London.

If there had already been a collusive arrangement for him to be sent to London in order that he might be arrested there, it would have been a breach of it to send him instead to Taipei.

The memorandum appeared to do no more than report on a decision which had been taken by the South African police, to send *him via London, which the English* authorities saw as being to their advantage. It did not, in any way, reveal collusion. All the information which had been narrated to their Lordships on behalf of the Lord Advocate indicated that the South African authorities had been taking their own decisions about the route for the deportation.

They had, of course, been reporting on these decisions to the English police, as their cooperation would have been needed to transfer the petitioner to Gatwick for the flight to New Zealand.

That no arrangements had been made for that transfer was explicable as the result of a decision taken independently by the *English authorities that he would be* arrested. So long as it had been taken independently and without collusion in order to avoid extradition procedures, that step could not reasonably be criticised.

The Lord Advocate had been entitled to conclude that what had occurred was different from what had been assumed in the decisions of the House of Lords and the Divisional Court. He had satisfied himself that there had been, so far as the English authorities had been concerned, no illegality.

There was no basis for suspending the warrant, especially as it was not being suggested that the Lord Advocate or anyone acting on his behalf had been involved in any collusion with the South African or English authorities.

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COVER - UP LIMITED t/a U.K BIRD
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Albert Chambers, 221/223 Chingford Mount Road, London, E4 8LP on 13/12/94 at 11am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 & 101 of the Said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A. Segal & Co, address as above between 10am & 4pm as from 9.12.94
Dated: 24/11/94
G. Kabahani, Director

Falcon Films NV Registered Number: N/A. Nature of Business: Film Production. Trade Classification: 46. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receiver(s): 22 November 1994. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Credit Lyonnais Bank Nederland NV. Type of Security: Loan Deed and Security Assignment. Date of Security: 19 May 1989. Names of persons appointed: Ian Peter Phillips and Edward John Wacey both of Buchler Phillips 84 Grosvenor Street London W1X 9DF. (Office Holder Nos: 2636 AND 6648)

Full Cup Limited The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on *or before the 9th January 1995*, to send their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debt or claim and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Mark Fry of Messrs. Taylor Gotham & Fry, The Old Exchange, 234 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 2EG, the Liquidator of the said company and, *if so required by notice in writing* from the said Liquidators, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Dated 28th November 1994. Mark Fry - Liquidator

FULL CUP LIMITED The Insolvency Act 1986
This is to certify that a meeting of the Creditors and Contributories of the above named Company held on Thursday 24th November 1994 Mark Fry of Taylor Gotham and Fry, The Old Exchange, 234 Southchurch Road, Southend on Sea, Essex SS1 2EG having provided written statement that he is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the above named Company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, and that he consents so to act was appointed liquidator of the Company. Dated the 24th November 1994 MRS. LANDY WONG (Chairman)

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 POINTEAGER LIMITED T/A WYCOMBE GOLF CENTRE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at 3pm on 7 December 1994 at Apex Plaza, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1YE for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the above-named company may be *inspected at the offices of Ernst* & Young, Apex Plaza, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1YE between the hours of 10am and 4pm on 5 & 6 December 1994.
For the purpose of voting a statement of claim and any proxy intended for use at the meeting must be lodged with the company at its registered office, Apex Plaza, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1YE not later than 12 noon on 6 December 1994.
Dated: 25 November 1994
M Nash
Director/Secretary

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 COMMUNICS SOFTWARE EUROPE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be *held at* The Old Exchange, 234 Southchurch Road, Southend-On-Sea, Essex, SS1 2EG on 14th December 1994 at 11.00 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act. Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(A) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham & Fry, The Old Exchange, 234 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 2EG is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require. Dated the 28th November 1994 By order of the Board A.W. Malpas Director

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 SUNREX ENTERPRISES LIMITED T/A THINK TANK MARKETING & PROMOTIONS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, London EC2M 7QN on 12th December 1994 at 3.00 p.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act. Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(A) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham & Fry, The Old Exchange, 234 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 2EG is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require. Dated the 28th November 1994 By order of the Board James Miles Director

IN THE MATTER OF Glovebourne Limited (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1408473
Notice to Creditors to send Claims
On 11 November 1994 the above named Company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Peter James Yeldon of Smith & Williamson, No. 1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS, was appointed Liquidator by the Members.
The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the Company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the Company to the Liquidator, at the above address, by 30 December 1994.
The Liquidator also gives notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182A that on 10 January 1995 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 30 December 1994 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.
The Company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
DATED 29 November 1994
PETER JAMES YELDON
Liquidator

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No 006886 of 1994 CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF PFIZER GROUP LIMITED and IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 16th November 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £140,000,000 to £46,000,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 21st November 1994.
Dated this day of December 1994
Allen & Overy of 9 Cheapside London EC2V 6AD
Solicitors for the above-named Company

NOTICE OF INTENDED DIVIDEND In the matter of THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 and in the matter of PETER ERNST RUDOLPH KLAHN (IN BANKRUPTCY) Kingston-upon-Thames County Court No 29 of 1989 of 57 Richmond Park Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey KT2 6AQ and traded from 148/150 Lordship Lane, London SE22 8HB
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is my intention to declare a *first and final dividend to creditors* of the above named debtor. Creditors who have not yet done so are required, on or before 2 January 1995, to send their proof of debt to R A Powdrill of Touche Ross & Co, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS, the trustee in bankruptcy, and if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary or other evidence *as may appear to the* trustee to be necessary. A creditor who has not proved his debt by the date specified will be excluded from the dividend. The first and final dividend will be declared no later than 4 months from the last date of proving.
Dated: 28 November 1994
R A POWDRILL
Trustee in Bankruptcy

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF Administrative Receivers D K Precision Engineering Company Limited
Registered number: 964377
Nature of business: Engineering and Allied Industries Trade classification: 07 Date of appointment of administrative receivers 22nd November 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers Barclays Bank Plc. D. Swaden, FCA and D.J. Power, FCA Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no's 5495 and 6006) Leonard Curtis & Partners, 46 Rodney Street, Liverpool, L1 9AA.

Notice of appointment of liquidator for voluntary winding up
Company Number: 1408473
Name of company: GLOVEBOURNE LIMITED. Nature of business: CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT. Type of Liquidation (Members). Address of registered office No. 1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS. Liquidator name and address: PETER JAMES YELDON No. 1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS. Office holder number 7253. Date of appointment 11 NOVEMBER 1994. By whom appointed MEMBERS

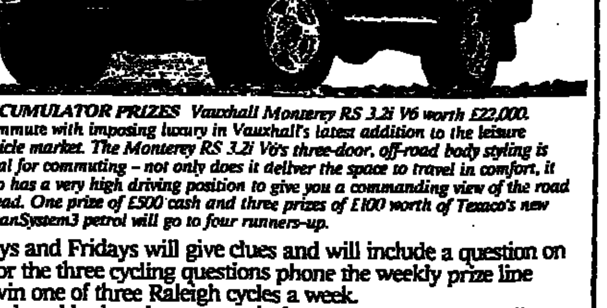
R S Cladding Ltd THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 3rd November 1994. DATED THIS 3RD NOVEMBER 1994 Peter S Dunn FCA Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 PIETRO LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 16 December 1994 at The Council Chamber, The Chartered Insurance Institute, 20, Aldermanbury, London EC2, at 12.00 Noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors, free of charge with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require. DATED this 24 day of November 1994 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD C. CHARALAMBOUS DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 SPR STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTS LIMITED
Registered Number: 1173721. Trading Name: SPR Stainless Steel Products Limited. Nature of Business: Stainless Steel and Pipe Fabricators. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 28th November 1994. Name of person appointing Administrative Receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: David Emanuel Merton Mond AND David Bottomley. Office Holder Numbers: 0/002340/01 AND 0/008985/01 of Hodgsons, Chartered Accountants, George House, 48 George Street, Manchester, M1 4HF.

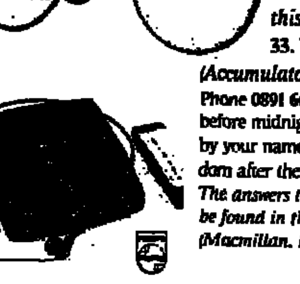
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 Copyline Limited (In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 29 November Lynn Gibson And Robert David Hewitt were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company which is in Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up by the Members and by the Creditors of the Company. Creditors who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address: 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD, by the 30th December 1994. LYNN GIBSON JOINT LIQUIDATOR

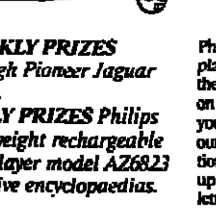
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Day Eleven Questions

31. In which book, set in the 1980s, were the words 'doublethink' and 'newspeak' coined? *(Accumulator Clue: The first letter of this answer belongs to word 10)*

32. What is the name of the Thames-side meadow where King John signed Magna Carta? *(Accumulator Clue: The first letter of this answer belongs to word 11)*

33. Who won gold in 1992 on a bike designed by Mike Burrows? *(Accumulator Clue: The first letter of this answer belongs to word 9)*

Phone 0891 66 55 98 before midnight tonight for the daily prize and 0839 44 45 64 before midnight on Tuesday for this week's weekly prize. Leave your answers, followed by your name, address and daytime phone number. Winners will be selected at random after the lines close. Calls cost (per minute) 39p cheap rate, 49p other times. *The answers to these questions, and all those appearing in Commuter Challenge, can be found in the new updated edition of Bamber Gascoigne's Encyclopaedia of Britain (Macmillan, £29.95).*

THE ACCUMULATOR GAME

Phone in your answers to today's questions, and then take the first letter of each answer and play the accumulator game. Every day, as you answer the questions you will be gathering the first letter of each answer to fill in the accumulator grid (the grid will be printed again on Saturday). We will tell you which word each letter belongs to in the grid but it is up to you to put all the letters in order to form each word at the end of the game. Having worked out all the words they will form another question. Once you know the answer to this question, phone in your answer and you could win a Vauxhall Monterey RS 3.2i V6 or a runners-up prize. In the accumulator game, where the answer to a question requires a name, the first letter of the surname applies.

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Interesting last four in prospect

Travelling heroes bring home cup draws to savour

BY PETER BALL

NO CUP draw will ever satisfy everybody, but there was something for most people yesterday in the draw for the quarter-finals of the Coca-Cola Cup. If virtue is never likely to be rewarded by acts of chance, Bolton and Liverpool at least both received home ties after their outstanding performances in the fourth round on Wednesday, although Liverpool have to face Arsenal.

With Swindon Town and Millwall paired together, there will be at least one Endsleigh League first division team in the semi-finals. Bolton, who entertain Norwich City, will hope to join them.

With Arsenal or Liverpool bound to go out, and the winners of the replay between Manchester City and Newcastle United facing a difficult away match at Crystal Palace, there is a distinct possibility of a new name on the trophy. "The way the draw has gone, the last four could be very interesting," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said yesterday. "I just hope we're among them."

After his side's outstanding performance against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park on Wednesday, Evans could have hoped for easier pickings this time. Instead, his team's meeting with Arsenal at Anfield inevitably provides the game of the round.

"We're delighted to be at home," Evans said, "but Arsenal are not the opponents we would have chosen."

The teams met in the final of the competition in 1987, when Arsenal won to announce their arrival under George Graham as a threat to Liverpool's monopoly of English football, and their rivalry has been keen ever since.

Recently, in the FA Carling Premiership, the balance has tilted back in Liverpool's favour, with Arsenal's league form perplexing many. But they have been formidable cup opponents, doing the unique cup double of FA and League Cups two seasons ago, and they are holders of the European Cup Winners' Cup. Not even the club's most recent troubles seem to have deflected them from their purpose when cup-ties arrive.

"People will say we should win because we beat them 3-0 earlier in the season," Evans said. "But that's nonsense. They are the cup-fighting team of the last few seasons."

Whoever wins will undoubtedly be installed as favourites, although, if Newcastle beat Manchester City, as they will now expect to do after their outstanding draw with a patched-up side at Maine Road on Wednesday, and then survive the trip to Selhurst Park, where they were lucky to snatch a last-minute win in the Premiership last month, they too will have support. But those are a lot of ifs. "People seem to think that Newcastle are as good as in the quarter-finals, but St James' Park has always been a lucky ground for me," Brian Horton, the City manager, said.

It takes nothing away from the other sides involved to suggest that a Liverpool v Newcastle final would be a game to savour — which probably means that it will not happen. Palace will certainly have something to say about that, their demolition of Aston Villa on Wednesday demonstrating their improvement.

They were matched by their south London neighbours, and old foes, Millwall, whose win at Nottingham could claim to be the performance of the night on an evening of several fine ones. Millwall deserved better than a visit to Swindon as a reward.

Bolton fared better, getting a home tie with Norwich after their win at West Ham United. The visit of Norwich should hold few fears for a team that has beaten Liverpool, Everton, Arsenal and Aston Villa over the past two seasons, but Bruce Rioch's team will be aware that it has done better against the glamour sides than run-of-the-mill Premiership opposition, Oldham ending its FA Cup run last season in the quarter-finals at Burnden Park.

"I now feel that we are able to handle the situation better, because we have a far stronger squad than last season," Rioch said.

DRAW

Bolton Wanderers v Norwich City
Swindon Town v Millwall
Liverpool v Arsenal
Crystal Palace v Manchester City or Newcastle United

To be played week commencing January 9

JOHN PRYKE



ALESSANDRO Costacurta, the AC Milan defender, pulls down Omar Asad, of Velez Sarsfield, during the Toyota Cup challenge match in Tokyo yesterday, but he and the Italian champions failed to prevent the Argentinians from winning the Cup, and the title of world club champions that goes with it, at their first attempt. Velez, the winners of the Copa Libertadores, beat Milan 2-0, courtesy of two Italian mistakes in the second half, the first a desperate lunge by Costacurta on José Flores that conceded a penalty, converted by Luis Trotta, the second a careless back pass by Franco Baresi that presented Asad with an invitation to score that he gratefully accepted.

Fabio Capello, the Milan coach, rued chances that got away: "It seems unbelievable that we lost. We had five chances to score and missed. Two or three years ago, Milan had good defence and attack. The current team can't seem to get goals."

Milan did have their moments but discovered, like São Paulo before them, that Velez have, in José Luis Chilavert, from Paraguay, an exceptional goalkeeper. Chilavert was the inspiration behind Velez's unexpected victory against São Paulo in the Copa final earlier this year — the same São Paulo that beat Milan in the Toyota Cup last season — and he was again in outstanding form. Though Daniele Massaro tested him several times, Milan failed to add to their world championships of 1969, 1989 and 1990.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Faldo warms to task in Sun City

NICK Faldo holed a 15-foot putt for a birdie three at the last hole to take a two-shot lead in the Million Dollar Challenge at the Gary Player Country Club in Sun City, yesterday. The British golfer shot a 66, six-under-par, to go clear of Ernie Els, of South Africa, and Bernhard Langer, of Germany.

Nick Price, of Zimbabwe, the defending champion, and Corey Pavin and Tom Lehman, from the United States, were in a three-way tie for fourth place after rounds of 71. Faldo went out in 33, scoring birdies at the 1st, 3rd, 7th and 9th, but dropped a shot at the par-four 8th. He then birdied the 10th and dropped a shot at the 13th before picking up further shots at the 15th, 16th and 18th to come back in 33.

Els, the US Open and World Matchplay champion, made an impressive assault on the leaderboard on the back nine. Out in 35 with a single birdie, he began to putt well and picked up further shots at the 12th, 15th and 16th.

Crowd disrupts Test

CRICKET: A fine century by Navjot Sidhu, the India opening batsman, was overshadowed by crowd disturbances on the first day of the second Test match against West Indies, at Nagpur yesterday. Courtney Walsh, the West Indies captain, twice led his team from the field after stones and guava fruit were thrown at fielders and almost an hour's play was lost. Play was halted for 21 minutes shortly after lunch when stones were hurled at Chanderpaul, who is of Indian descent, and again an hour before the close.

India scored 230 for four, with Sidhu making 107 and Sachin Tendulkar ending the day 81 not out. Raman Subba Row, the former England batsman and match referee, said: "You really can't play international matches under these circumstances. I wouldn't blame anyone for going off."

Britons reach last four

SQUASH: Del Harris and Chris Walker, both from Essex, have reached the semi-finals today of the Qatar international championship in Doha (Colin McQuillan writes). Harris defeated Simon Parke 15-14, 15-9, 15-13 yesterday in 56 minutes of accurate power hitting and supreme volleying. Walker, 27, beat Brett Martin, from Australia, the No 2 seed, 17-16, 9-15, 17-15, 9-15, 15-12.

Limited demand

RUGBY UNION: In the wake of the World Cup next summer, the home unions will limit representative demands on their leading players in the first half of the 1995-96 season. England, Scotland and Wales each have only one pre-Christmas international scheduled and Ireland have none. England's international will be against Western Samoa, at Twickenham on December 16.

Quinnell debut

RUGBY LEAGUE: Scott Quinnell, the former Wales rugby union international forward, will make his debut for Wigan on Sunday in the Regal Trophy second-round tie against Rochdale. Andy Northey, the Waterloo and North rugby union player, is being pursued by two league clubs, St Helens and Salford. Lee Jackson, the Sheffield Eagles hooker, is the inaugural John Smith's international player of the year.

Gourlay in final

BOWLS: David Gourlay Jr, Scotland's most-prolific winner of national indoor titles, reached the final of the CIS Scottish singles championship when he beat Jim McCann, of Blantyre, 7-5, 7-0 at Coatbridge yesterday. Paul Conlan, of Midlothian, at 24 the youngest of the semi-finalists, also won in straight sets, foiling the hopes of the local Coatbridge club champion, Sandy Syme, 7-1, 7-3.

Auguin moves to front

YACHTING: As Harry Mitchell, a British entry, left Cape Town yesterday to chase after the BOC Challenge solo round-the-world race fleet on the second stage, to Sydney, Christophe Auguin moved into the lead for the first time. Auguin leads Jean-Luc van den Heede, also of France, by 13 miles. Isabelle Autissier, another French entry and a former leader, is fourth. Niah Vaughan, of Britain, is third in Class 2.

O'Neill decides to stay at Wycombe

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MARTIN O'Neill yesterday turned down the chance to become manager of Leicester City, of the FA Carling Premiership, and will stay in charge of Wycombe Wanderers.

O'Neill, who last year rejected an offer to manage Nottingham Forest, told Leicester officials of his decision after discussions with Ivor Beeks, the Wycombe chairman.

"I feel there is still a job to be done here," O'Neill, who has guided Wycombe from the Vauxhall Conference to the Endsleigh Insurance League second division, said. "The chairman said it was only two-thirds done. I thought the job was to get us out of the Conference but he is very persuasive, which is probably why he's done so well in business."

Leicester, who failed in a High Court attempt to prevent the appointment of their former manager, Brian Little, at Aston Villa, were given permission at the start of the week to approach O'Neill.

Wycombe are challenging for a place in the first division and, with four clubs to be relegated from the Premiership in May, could be playing Leicester next season, something O'Neill presumably took into consideration.

"It's probably a question of heart ruling head again but, for good or for evil, I'm staying to try to help the club push for promotion," he added. His immediate task, however, will be the FA Cup second-round tie against Hitchin on Saturday.

Darren Anderton, the Tottenham Hotspur forward, is struggling to be fit for the Premiership match against Newcastle United on Saturday. Anderton has not trained this week because of a blood clot on his shin, the result of a collision in the game against Liverpool last weekend.

Hitchin put their trust in the law

Russell Kempson on the non-league team proving a force to be feared in the FA Cup

You can never find a policeman when you need one — a scurrilous generalisation that was clearly coined with little sympathy for the over-burdened thin blue line. Hitchin Town, of the Diadora League premier division, have every reason to dispute its veracity.

Hitchin host Wycombe Wanderers from the Endsleigh Insurance League second division in the second round of the FA Cup at their Top Field ground on Saturday. Yet without the considerable assistance of Gary Williams, PC163 at Bedford police station, they would be contemplating little more than a premier division relegation duel with Marlow.

In the second qualifying round against Tiptree United in September, Hitchin trailed 3-1 with a minute remaining. Williams — a full-time policeman, part-time centre forward — scored twice to salvage a replay. In the third qualifying round against Cambridge City in October, Hitchin trailed 3-2 with a minute remaining. Williams again equalised to snatch another replay.

"It's a habit that for some reason appears to have stuck," Williams, 25, said. His exploits of this season, though, are nothing new. In 1992-93, Hitchin were drawing 1-1 with Uxbridge in their concluding Diadora fixture. It was not enough to secure the first division title but, with five minutes remaining, Williams nodded in for a 2-1 victory that pipped Molesey, their nearest challengers, for the championship.

Goals — 11 this season, including seven in Hitchin's eight FA Cup ties — figure as large in Williams's life as gaols. In the annals of the cup's last-gasp heroics, Williams ranks right up there. Yet even if Hitchin beat Wycombe, and create club history by reaching the third round for the first time, it is unlikely to persuade him to swap uniform for tracksuit. A spell in the Luton Town youth team, a two-day trial at Leicester City and stints with Vauxhall Motors, Stevenage Borough, Baldock Town and now Hitchin have just about satisfied his footballing appetite.

Anyway, his policeman's lot is a happy one. "I'm sure a lot of Diadora players could make it professionally," Williams said. "There isn't as great a gulf as many people make out; it's more a case of getting a lucky break. It would have to be a very good offer to tempt me away from the police. I've got a secure job and they're very good about giving me time off to play.

"Combining both can be a bit tiring sometimes but Hitchin have been good to me, too. I'm usually able to make only two out of six training sessions because of my work. But football is too fickle to make a career out of it. You can be out on your ear before you know it and, quite frankly, I'm not prepared to risk it."

Williams, a former electrician, was born in Adelaide but moved to England with his parents at three years old. He now lives in Bromham, a short Panda car ride from Bedford and his Queen's Park beat, and is awaiting next year as eagerly as he is Saturday. His two-year probationary period expires in January — those on high have already confirmed his graduation — and his wife, Sallie, is expecting their first child in June.

Hitchin disposed of Hereford United, from the Endsleigh third division, in the last round, with Williams scoring the second goal in a 4-2 replay victory. It was the Hertfordshire club's first win over league opposition and, thus, they will approach Wycombe without fear. They also know that if the issue is still in doubt entering the final phase, they have the law on their side. May the Force be with them.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham 84 (Lloyd 26, Simms 15, Payne 13) Thames Valley 98 (Holley 32, Bucknall 20, Scantlebury 19).
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston 118 Detroit 115, Charlotte 105 Miami 87; Cleveland 117 LA Lakers 79; Orlando 114 Sacramento 107; Chicago 118 Phoenix 105; Seattle 109 San Antonio 100.
EUROPEAN MEN'S CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: Semi-final series: Group B: Cibona Zagreb (Cro) 71 Joventut Badalona (Sp) 69.

BADMINTON

CARDIFF: International triangular tournament: Wales v Norway: Singles: Men (Wales names first): J Leung bt E Lie 15-5 15-4 Women: K Morgan bt T Hol 11-1 11-4. Doubles: Men: R Vaughan and D Tonks lost to T Weland and Lie 8-15 8-15; Women: Morgan and R Phipps bt C Silwar and Hol 15-12 15-7. Mixed doubles: Tonks and S Williams lost to Weland and Silwer 12-15 16-18. Match: Wales 3 Norway 2. Canada v Wales (Canada names first): Women: Doubles: D Julien and St-An Deng bt K Morgan and R Phipps 1-15 15-8 15-8. Singles: H Poole lost to K Morgan 11-8 8-11 8-11. Mixed doubles: D Yung and Julien bt D Tonks and S Williams 15-5 15-8; Men: Singles: Dawson bt G Lewis 15-10 15-7; Doubles: B Olynyk and D Yung bt R Vaughan and D Tonks 15-4 15-11. Match: Canada 4 Wales 1. Canada v Norway: (Canada names first): Men: Singles: Dawson bt J Andersen 9-15 15-5 15-1; Women: Doubles: Julien and St-An Deng bt Hol and C Silwer 18-14 15-1

BOWLS

COATBRIDGE: CIS Insurance Masters: Final: J Price (Wales) bt G Robertson (Scot) 7-0, 7-2, 7-4. CIS Scottish indoor singles championship. Semi-finals: P Conlan (Midlothian) bt A Syme (Coatbridge) 7-1, 7-3. D Gourlay Jr (Prestwick) bt J McCann (Blantyre MW) 7-5, 7-0.

BOXING

WOLVERHAMPTON: Commonwealth middleweight championship: Richie Woodhall (Telford, holder) bt Art Serwano (Uga) rsc 11th rnds. British light-welterweight championship eliminator: Mark Ramsey (Birmingham) bt Mark Elliot (Telford) rsc 10th rnd. Light-heavy (6rnds). Monty Wright (Stevenage) bt Greg Scott-Briggs (Chesterfield) pts. Super-middle: Joe Calzaghe (Newbridge) bt Trevor Ambrose (Leicester) rsc 2nd rnd. Light-middle (6rnds): Robert Wright (Dudley) bt Hany Dhami (Gravesend) pts. Light: Clayton Hollingsworth (Telford) bt Shabba Edwards (Bermondsey) pts.

CRICKET

NAGPUR
Second Test (first day of five)
India v West Indies
India: First Innings

M Prabhakar c Williams b Hooper	19
N S Sidhu c Murray b Hooper	107
V G Kambli c Williams b Hooper	0
S R Tendulkar not out	81
S L V Raju c Adams b Walsh	2
Extras (b 2, lb 8, nb 11)	21
Total (4 wkts)	230

V G Kambli, *M Azharuddin, S R Tendulkar, S V Manjrekar, †N R Mongia, A Kumble, J Srinath, R K Chauhan and S L V Raju to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-49, 3-226, 4-230.
BOWLING: Walsh 20.2-6-50-1; Benjamin 12-2-59-0; Cummins 12-0-41-0. Hooper 22-8-42-3; Chanderpaul 9-1-28-0
WEST INDIES: P V Simmons, S C Williams, B C Lara, C L Hooper, K L T Arthurton, S Chanderpaul, J C Adams, †J R Murray, A C Cummins, *C A Walsh, W K M Benjamin.
PIETERMARITZBURG: One-day match: Sri Lanka 200-8, Natal 204-4 (47.3 overs).
CASTLE CUP (first day of four): Bloemfontein: Eastern Province 290-7 (K Wessels 102, P Amm 82; N Pretorius 4-87) v Orange Free State. Paarl: Boland 258 (h Curran 104, W Smit 54; M Davis 4-60); Northern Transvaal 73-2 (C Henderson 2-2)

FIGURE SKATING

HUMBERSIDE: British championship: Junior women: 1, G Papavassiliou; 2, N Manning, 3, E Rogers. Junior dance (after compulsory dances and original dance): 1, C Clements and G Shortland; 2, S Hill and D Smith; 3, S Kerr and J Ferguson.

FOOTBALL

COCA-COLA CUP: Fourth round: Arsenal 2 Sheffield Wednesday 0, Blackburn Rovers 1 Liverpool 3; Crystal Palace 4 Aston Villa 1; Manchester City 1 Newcastle United 1, Norwich City 1 Notts County 0; Nottingham Forest 0 Millwall 2; Swindon Town 2 Derby County 1; West Ham United 1 Bolton Wanderers 3.
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Portsmouth 0 Stoke City 1.
AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Northern section: Second round: Huddersfield Town 3 Lincoln 2 (aet; 2-2 after 90 min, Huddersfield won with golden goal in extra time).
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Hibernian 1 Celtic 1.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Carlsberg Trophy: Second round: Feltham and Hounslow 1 Bracknell 3; Harlow 3 Hertford 1.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Hillingdon 0 St Margaretsbury 3; Walthamstow Pennant 0 Cockfosters 4; Corinthian Casuals 3 Cray 1; Croydon 2 Barlongside 5, Hoddesdon 0 Brimsdown 5; Wingate and Finchley 3 Harwell 1.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 0 West Ham 1; Bristol City 1 Wimbledon 3; Charlton 5 Oxford 2; Ipswich 3 Southampton 1; Luton 2 Swindon 2.
PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Blackpool 4 Middlesbrough 1; Grimsby 5 Bradford 0; Port Vale 0 Preston 0; York 4 Hull 1. Second division: Blackpool 4 Middlesbrough 1; Grimsby 5 Bradford 0, Port Vale 0 Preston 0; York 4 Hull 1
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: West Bromwich Albion 0 Doncaster Rovers 1, Wolverhampton Wanderers 2 Brentford 0, Dulwich Hamlet 1 Welling United 1
SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools FA Premier Trophy: Under-16: West Yorkshire 0 Cleveland 1, Lancashire 1 Greater Manchester 2, Trophy Devon 2 Gloucester 0, Somerset 2 Avon 8 Boodle and Dunthorne Cup: Third round: Bailey GS 2 Chigwell 1 (aet) Quarter-finals: Ardingly 4 Brentwood 0, QEGS, Blackburn 3 St Bede's Collegem Manchester 3 (aet St. Bede's won 5-3 on pens).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Amateur Football Alliance 2 Royal Navy 2.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Spain 2 Finland 0 (in Malaga).
PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Estrela Amadora 0 Porto 1; Salgueiros 3 Setubal 2, Braga 1 Belra Mar 0, Belenenses 1 Gil Vicente 1; Tirsense 2 Uniao Madeira 0; Boavista 2 Uniao Leiria 0.
ITALIAN Cup: Quarter-final; first leg: Internazionale 1 Foggia 0, Parma 2 Fiorentina 0.
DUTCH CUP: Den Haag 0 Breda 2; Nijmegen 0 Ajax Amsterdam 3, Willem II Tilburg 1 Feyenoord Rotterdam 1 (Feyenoord Rotterdam won 8-7 on pens), Heracles Almelo 2 Sparta Rotterdam 1 (Heracles Almelo won on sudden death goal); FC Utrecht 3 FC Twente Enschede 1; Ajax Amsterdam Res 2 Dordrecht 0; PSV Eindhoven 0 SC Heerenveen 1; FC Volendam 3 Alkmaar 0
BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Bahia 1 Palmeiras 2; Bragantino 1 Corinthens 1; São Paulo 1 Guarani 0.
TOKYO: World club championship: Velez Sarsfield (Arg) 2 AC Milan (It) 0
PORT ELIZABETH: Four-nation tournament: South Africa 0 Ivory Coast 0; Ghana 1 Camaroon 0.
AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Quarter-final draw: Northern section: Bury v Huddersfield, Wigan v Crewe; Rochdale v Stockport; Carlisle v Wrexham. Southern section: Birmingham v Hereford Utd; Shrewsbury v Exeter; Leyton Orient v Bristol Rovers; Brentford or Oxford United v Swansea City. To be played week commencing January 9.

GOLF

SUN CITY, South Africa: Men's tournament: First-round scores: 66: N Faldo (GB) 68: E Els (SA), B Langer (Ger) 71: N Price (Zim), C Pavin (US), T Lehman (US) 72: C Montgomerie (GB), M McNulty (Zim), H Irwin (US) 73: D Frost (SA) 76: S Ballesteros (Spi. 80: V Singh (Fiji)
MELBOURNE: Men's tournament: First-round scores (Australia unless stated) 68: M Calcavecchia (US). 69: S Ames(nt, P McWhinney, P Mckinley, 70: L Clements (US), P O'Malley, C Parry, S Tait. R Swanson 71: B Faxon (US), G Norman. C Cassells (GB), G Orr (GB), G Moorhead (NZ), R Wilis, A Gilligan, A Stolz, G Chalmers, S Conran, L Parsons, R Allenby, W Grady, D Bransdon, J Evans, R Farley, N Smth. 72: B Ogle. G Ware (NZ), T Price, C Jones, M Ferguson, R Raliemy (N Ire), S Owen (NZ), B Shearer, M Clayton, P Fowler, R Backwell, D Ecob, G Simpson, J O'Keefe (US), T Elliott, J Wagner, S Leaney Other scores: 73: P Baker (GB), R Goosen (SA), P Fulke (Swe). 74: C Van Der Velde (Holl), A Coltart (GB), G Sweatt (US), J Kay (Can). 75: M Weir (Can), W Bennet (GB), M Colandro (US), P Teravainen (US) 76: I Pyman (GB). 77: B Jackson (GB), H Baran (US), J Van De Velde (Fr), S Hendley (Can). 78: J Spence (GB), L Westwood (GB) 80: D Wilson (US), G Hjerstedt (Swe).

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Durham 6 Humberside 14 First division: Teeside 4 Solihull 7.

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOUR MATCH: France B 9 Australia XII 64 (in La Ponlet)

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Bedford 42 RAF 16.

SNOOKER

MALTA: Rothmans Maltese Grand Prix: Quarter-finals: P Ebdon (Eng) bt A Knowles (Eng) 5-2; J Parrott (Eng) bt W Thorne (Eng) 5-3

SQUASH

DOHA, Qatar: Open tournament: Quarter-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt R Norman (NZ) 15-5, 15-10, 15-13; D Heme (Eng) bt S Parke (Eng) 15-14, 15-9, 15-13.

TABLE TENNIS

LEADING WORLD RANKINGS (China unless stated). Men: 1, J-M Saive (Bel) 1,640pts; 2, Wang Tao 1,617, 3, J-O Waldner (Swe) 1,582; 4, Ma Wenge 1,569, 5, P Karlsson (Swe) 1,560, 6, Kim Taek-soo (S Kor) 1,548; 7, J-P Gerlen (Fr) 1,547, 8, Li Gun-cang (N Korea) 1,527; 9, A Grubba (Pol) 1,522; 10, Z Primorac (Cro) 1,521. Women: 1, Deng Yaping 1,813, 2, Qiao Hong 1,683, 3, Chai Po Wa (HK) 1,609, 4, Gao Jun (US) 1,602, 5, Chen Zihe 1,596, 6, Lu Wei 1,587; 7, C Iwyama (Japan) 1,579, 8, Tang Weiyi 1,569

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

FA Cup
Second round
Birmingham v Scunthorpe (7.45) .....

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Athlone v Shelbourne (8.15); Bohemians v Monaghan (8.0)
ESFA FUJI FILM TROPHY: Fourth round: Wolverhampton v South Tyneside (at Aldersley United 6.0)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: 7-Up Trophy: Semi-final, first leg: Doncastor v Sheffield (8.0)
ICE SKATING: British championships (Humberside)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

IMPOOF
(c) The common African eland, *Taurotragus oryx*, from the Zulu *i-mpofu*, *mpofu* tawny. "Writing on the hunting of these creatures, known in South Africa as the *Impoofo*, the same author [sc. W. Cornwallis Harris] remarks that 'notwithstanding the unwieldy shape of these animals, they had at first greatly exceeded the shape of our jaded horses'."

JETTATURA
(c) The evil eye, bad luck, hence *jettatore* a person who brings bad luck, from the Italian *iettatura*. " 'Tis not only the jettatura wherewith the Queen Mother used to reproach me. Men need but bear me good will, and misery overtakes them."

MAMALOI
(a) A voodoo priestess, from the Haitian Creole *mama* mother + *lwa* = loa. "The priests are called Papaloi by their followers, and the priestesses Mamaloi, both words being Creole corruptions of Papa Roi and Mama Roi."

MUSEAU
(c) A person's face, from the French *museau* the muzzle or snout of an animal. D. H. Lawrence, passim: "She, with her odd little museau, not exactly pretty, but very attractive."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1, Nh6+! gxh6; 2. Bxh7+ Nxh7; 3, Qg4+ Kh8; 4, Rxd8 Bxd8; and now 5, Qf3! wins more material. 4, . . . Rxd8 is similarly met by 5, Qe4! with the same result.

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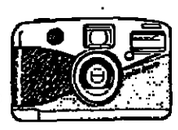
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Warne cashes in as Australia fetes its favourite neighbour



Warne: potential

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, looks at a commercial boom based on one man's genius

The selling of Australia's cricketing charisma has been a growth industry for 15 years now. It was Dennis Lillee who first attracted the interest of the marketing men. Allan Border had his day and so, too, did Dean Jones and Merv Hughes. Now, unequivocally, it is the turn of Shane Warne.

Gaze out of the window of any aircraft on descent into Sydney airport and you cannot miss him. An enormous advertising hoarding commands the skyline, more so than any of the city's high-rise blocks. Warne is the figure in white, soaring above the traffic, and next to him is the slogan: "There is no such thing as a natural."

Doubtless, the movers and shakers who devised this commercial for Nike footwear know their business, but it seems inappropriate, nonetheless, for Warne is self-evidently a natural. He is the living image of Australia, with the tan, the bleached hair, the dazzling eyes and looks. He is sport's answer to the cast of *Neighbours*, but many times more talented.

Warne's earning power may still be second division, compared to the really rich men of Australian sport, such as Greg Norman and Michael Doohan, the world motorcycle champion, but, in dollar potential, he easily outstrips all previous cricketers in a part of the world where the game has had a commercial market ever since Kerry Packer infamously decreed that, because he liked this sport so much, he would buy it.

Naturally enough, Warne has a manager, Peter Thompson, who also handles the business affairs of those other characterful Victorian cricketers, Jones and Hughes. Although neither is in the Australian Test side at present, both remain in demand. Jones queered his pitch with cricketing folk by cynically announcing that he was once more available for the national team the day after 40,000 spectators — and many of the game's great names from around the world — had turned up at the Melbourne Cricket Ground for a self-organised tribute game to mark his retirement.

Conspicuously, he has not been chosen in either Australian team for the World Series Cup, despite his sustained eminence as a one-day player. His marketability, however, is intact. Yesterday, he was signed up to host the cricket coverage on Australia's new pay-television channel.

From Lillee pushing a lawnmower to Doug Walters clutching a can of beer, cricketers have long featured prominently in television commercials here and Hughes is perpetuating the trend, leering unattractively into the camera as if born to the horror movie genre. If, as seems increasingly likely, he regains his place in the Test side in his native Melbourne over Christmas, everybody can expect much more of the same.

Yet all of this is small fry compared with the commercial portfolio commanded by Warne. Playing cricket alone can earn him £60,000 a year, but it is estimated he can multiply that figure five times over through his peripheral deals. Nike pays him £100,000 a year to front its marketing campaigns and there are lesser amounts for advertising brands of jeans, sunglasses, soft drinks and sun protection.

Increasingly, too, he is becoming a media figure. A Melbourne radio station has contracted him to front various sports specials and Packer's Channel Nine is putting him through an apprenticeship as interviewer and reporter, early insurance for the day his flipper no longer functions.

That, however, should be a decade away and, with each match-winning performance, such as this week's virtuouso show in Brisbane, the value of Shane Warne soars. The coming years should make him not only the most successful bowler of all time, but unarguably the richest.

MARC ASPLAND

Russia aim to clear final hurdle

FROM DAVID MILLER IN MOSCOW

THE controversial addition of tennis to the Olympic programme, after more than four hours' debate by the International Olympic Committee in 1987, may not directly have led to Russia's first appearance in a Davis Cup final here today, yet it certainly accelerated government backing for the game within the former Soviet Union.

Success this weekend carries equal significance for both finalists — for Russia in raising the profile of a game still largely accessible only to the better off, for Sweden in sustaining a now famous tradition.

The disintegration of the Soviet empire consolidated the game's importance in Russia. The fantasy money on offer in professional tennis and the sudden possibility for Russians of being able to put prize-money in their own bank accounts — probably abroad — gave them every incentive to excel at the game.

However, personal lust for money, which has so distorted tennis and now threatens to do the same to golf, will be put aside here today. Patriotism will surge to the fore in both Russian and Swedish teams.

Driven by the novelty and thrill of a final appearance, and by a home crowd expected to number 10,000 in an arena built for the 1980 Olympic Games, the 20-year-old Yevgeny Kafelnikov, ranked No 11 in the world and one of the fastest-improving players, and Aleksandr Volkov, his lesser-fancied singles colleague, who is ranked No 25, stand in the gateway to history. Only nine countries have won this famous team trophy, which so often temperamentally makes or breaks an individual.

Russia has long produced competent players, but the choking totalitarian Soviet environment had mostly limited their achievement. In previous Davis Cup encounters, Sweden beat Russia 4-1 in the first round of the world group in 1982, when Vadim Borisov, the present captain, was beaten by Mats Wilander. Before that, Sweden had beaten Russia 3-2 in the 1975 zone semi-final, during the heyday of Borg.

If the odds this weekend may seem marginally to favour Russia, do not underestimate the Swedes, who on many fronts — most recently the World Cup in football — have revealed their ideal temperament for big-time sport.

Encountering a recession in the public appeal of tennis — the stadium in Gothenburg was only half full on the decisive third day of the unexpected semi-final victory over the United States — means this final is especially important to them. They have reached nine finals, but lost three of the last four.

"We are very much a team-sport country," John-Anders Sjogren, their captain, said. "This can be seen in ice hockey, table tennis, soccer. For us, winning the Davis Cup is bigger than Edberg or Wilander winning Wimbledon. We are a small country, and the people feel they know the team. Our players have won so many grand slam titles, but this is something different.

"It is also economically important for us. We don't have the income of, say, the German federation, so Davis Cup success enables us to put more money into training the next generation."

Sweden, some would say, are lucky to be here. Trailing 2-0 in the semi-final against the United States, Bjorkman and Apell won the doubles to retain hope, and then Sampras retired through injury after losing the first set against Edberg. Magnus Larsson spectacularly beat Todd Martin to clinch the tie.

Today, Edberg opens the fray against Volkov, first string against second string. Because Kafelnikov must be expected to win the second match, against Larsson — unless the Swede, ranked No 19, is lifted by his semi-final performance — and possibly the reverse singles against Edberg, victory by Edberg today is fundamental to Sweden's prospects.

"We have to win a match a day," Sjogren said, self-evidently but meaningfully, after the draw yesterday, implying that Bjorkman and Appel must be expected to win the doubles tomorrow.

DRAW

TODAY (Russia names first): A Volkov v S Edberg; Y Kafelnikov v M Larsson.

TOMORROW: Kafelnikov and A Olhovskiy v J Bjorkman and J Apell.

SUNDAY: Kafelnikov v Edberg; Volkov v Larsson.



Michelle Holt, a black belt, gets to grips with her instructor, Hidetoshi Nakanishi, a former world champion, in a training session at the Budokwai Club

Grab your partners, then twist and shout



FREUD ON FRIDAY

Some way west along the Fulham Road, on a corner, within shuddering distance of the 081 telephone area, stands a public house called The Goat In Boots. Gilston Road runs north from there.

Number four was once a primary school, and the building stands tall and institutional, a proud memorial to Victorian civic architecture. Should you pass by and listen carefully you may hear a staccato *Kiai*, which is Japanese for "shout". This is the Budokwai Club where they practise martial arts; the shout comes not as you might expect from him who is hit or kicked, but from the aggressor. *Kiai* — Japanese for yarroo — is said to concentrate bodily force, tense stomach muscles, and in London SW10, infuriate the neighbours to the extent that the windows have had to be double-glazed.

On Wednesday morning, I witnessed a practice session in the large upstairs room which has a floor fashioned of sprung rubber in order that frequent contacts with the floor do people no lasting harm (please take off your shoes).

I had hoped to witness karate, which involves striking (judo is about grappling), but there was none on show. In karate, you score by piercing the opponent's guard and withdrawing — and if you do not withdraw and your kick or punch reaches its target forcefully, the perpetrator is disqualified and the victim revived and awarded the contest. Partly in view of the unsatisfactory nature of these rulings, karate is not an Olympic sport.

Judo then: participants wear loose white-ish trousers and strong, padded, double-weave, white jackets secured by a belt that advertises the grade of expertise. Black is best, which colour is achieved when pupils have passed through the gradings that begin with yellow and go via orange, green, blue and brown.

There are also master grades. The highest award is the extremely rare red belt tenth dan, of whom only one holder exists. Judo protocol provides for a white belt, *Juichidan* (eleventh dan), and *Junidan* (twelfth dan): But these have never been bestowed. I know of no sport which that make provision for the unachieved, if not the unachievable. One of the highest British grades held is eighth dan accorded to T. P. Leggett, president of the club, and former head of BBC Japanese Services who was interned during the last war and practised judo with his jailers.

The club owns its own premises, is solvent, may well become even more solvent when the Sports Council is made richer with our National Lottery money.

Ray Stevens, who won a silver medal at Barcelona in 1992, is practising throws with a *Sensei* (teacher). Stevens is a light-heavyweight, 95 kilos. In almost any other sport, he would be rich and famous.

An engaging light-heavyweight called Winston comes upstairs, kicks off his trainers, and stands there panting. I ask whether the stairs were a bit much for him. He has just returned from a three-mile run.

I had a young friend who judo'd for about ten years, starting at the age of eight, because his mother in common with many mothers at the school, fancied the judo instructor. As a consequence, I knew about *Uchikomi*, which is turning and throwing, and is practised on a *Tatami* — a softish mat that minimises osteopaths' bills.

There is also *Ippon-seionage*, *Ogoshi*, *Tomoenage*, *Morote-Seionage*; and also, most dramatic, the *Kata-guruma*, where the opponent is gripped by crutch and collar and cartwheeled to the floor.

My eight-year-old grand twins go to judo in Battersea once a week, pay £1.65 for an hour and a half, love the sport with passion, and occasionally hand me what they call an *Oshi-doshi* — which is quite uncomfortable to receive.

On Wednesday morning there was one woman training in the club: Michelle Holt, aged 18, from Ealing. She joined because her brother used to go; won her black belt by the age of 16, represented England in a Commonwealth tournament in Malta, attends the West London Institute, where she is taking an integrated degree in sports studies and leisure.

She hopes for selection to the Student Games in 1995, feels that judo has made her more confident, and she speaks highly of the Japanese teacher whose *Haraigoshi* is probably her favourite throw.

I ask if there is a canteen where we can have a chat. No canteen, but a kettle in a room downstairs where they also sell Mars Bars — if the man in charge of the tuck cupboard key is not otherwise engaged.

The most exciting thing about judo is fighting before an audience — like in a team match when the score is three each and the overall result depends on your bout. Then there is real tension in the air.

By all means run, but this time run to win



GERALD DAVIES
Rugby Commentary

Tomorrow, the South Africans close their tour against the Barbarians in Dublin. The rich tradition of this fixture, to be played for the first time at Lansdowne Road, suggests that we know what to expect and we travel in hope of fine things, particularly from the Barbarians. But, if we are to go by recent encounters, we are probably asking too much.

Think of the Barbarians and we think of a kind of rugby untrammelled by inhibition; we think of a freedom of choice. Think of the Barbarians and we think, too, of the borders they cross; from Canada, New Zealand and France they have flown to descend on Ireland this week.

If it is Dublin, and as it is the Barbarians, there could hardly be a more heady mix of fun. If, that is, rugby is still kindly disposed to the idea of fun. Fun and the desire to win are not incompatible, surely? For, without a smile, sport is not worth a candle.

And, if you will forgive me my personal indulgence, I think of an introduction to champagne cocktails — not flat beer — after the match. Since it was not their money to spend, and to the chagrin of the host union, to whom it rightly belonged, the Barbarians were delighted to lavish as much of the proceeds on the players' good cheer. I liked this generous philosophy, too.

Think of the Barbarians, then, and think of a spirit which may be fast departing this rugby world. In this age of conformity, I warm to the roguish gang who continue to dare, in the face of huge odds and grim opposition, to do their own thing. All around there is a miserly mood as clubs prevent players from accepting the Barbarian invitation, while there are national coaches who prefer to hang on to their precious boys for yet another squad session *to test no more, it seems to me*, than their tedium threshold.

Fire a small boy's imagination as to the greatness of rugby, of the game's lyrical and elegant side, and it is hardly likely that we should summon up the weekly fare of league rugby. This is not the place where heroes are made. And the five nations' championship, too complacent in its comfortable success, is fast becoming a haven of safe utility and unenterprising rugby compared with that in the southern hemisphere.

Perhaps the killjoys might ponder on a rugby world without the vivid presence of the Barbarians, and imagine what a bland and clod-hopping world it would be.

But cast aside these rose-tinted glasses and it becomes clear that the vividness is losing its fine distinction. The Barbarians have become careless of their touch. The magic of the name is still there, but I fear for its future reputation.

The Welsh tour is gone and those matches that remain are spread inconsequentially across the season. The match at Leicester in December remains a favourite, but the same cannot be said of the Northampton game, on the first Thursday in March.

The Barbarians need to recreate their unique aura, and nothing could establish this more effectively than a purposeful performance against a touring team.

We have gone in search of a keen contest, but we have too rarely had one. The Barbarians have not been quite up to the task. We look for a colourful expression of what may be thought of as the Barbarian style. But, while the desire has been there, its successful accomplishment has not. Running and timing has lacked purpose.

Above all, I believe, we yearn for a Barbarian victory. For, in our innermost core, where all the pedantry of coaching has been washed away and scientifically approved analysis has been suspended, we like to see 15 players plot the downfall of their more organised opponents and play on the hoof.

This has less to do with the underdog syndrome than the romantic notion that a random choice of wandering players, backpacking from around the globe, can come together in Corinthian, hail-fellow-well-met style and stick one on the Big Team.

They did so in the most unBarbarian-like manner in February 1961. If we have hailed what happened against New Zealand in January 1973, we have paid fewer respects to the defeat of South Africa 12 years earlier, which was no less remarkable at the time. Under the captaincy of Ronnie Dawson, the Barbarians devised such tactics as to ignore the club's running style and so took head-on Avril Malan's mighty Springboks. Adopting bludgeoning, South African tactics, the Barbarians defeated the tourists, unbeaten until then, in their thirtieth and final match.

The past 20 years have been devoid of success. The Barbarians need a victory again. They need to establish a reputation to defend and which the players can once more believe. Run, by all means, and run some more. But not for its own sake. This time, run to win.

First blood to Cambridge

Cambridge U LX Club . 19
Oxford U Greyhounds . 11

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

CAMBRIDGE University began six days and three matches of rugby union rivalry with Oxford by beating their second-team opposites at Grange Road yesterday, but by far less than their rip-roaring opening spell suggested. Victory, by a goal, three penalty goals and a dropped goal to a try and two penalty goals, was conclusive enough, but would have been far greater had not Greyhounds defended so doggedly.

The result means little as far as the main event, at Twickenham on Tuesday (preceded in the morning by the respective under-21 teams), is concerned, but did underline the resources Cambridge have enjoyed this term in their backs.

Dix, for example, has played most of his senior games this term at stand-off half, the position in which he won his England Under-21 caps last season. He will be there again for the South and South-West in the divisional match with the North at Sale tomorrow, having quite properly resisted divisional pressure not to play for his university. Yesterday, his forays from full back always posed a threat.

The Greyhounds quite unable to overcome the problem of possession. Their lineout was all but erased by Earnshaw, a lively No 8, and Fury, which allowed Kennedy — the one blue on the field — to demonstrate control from stand-off half.

But, as so often is the case, the side that prospered early failed to take the lead. Mermagen's first penalty goal was soon overtaken by Richards' two goals, and Rutter would have consolidated Cambridge's lead but for a try-saving tackle by Clive Jones, the Oxford captain — a feat he repeated later on Clayton.

As it was, Oxford exploited a largely untenanted blind side for the hard-working Harrison to despatch Bursell to the corner for the try which gave Oxford their 8-6 interval advantage. Within seconds of the restart, Cambridge scored their try, Rutter forcing his way past a premature tackle in pursuit of Kennedy's kick.

Occasionally, MacRobert, the South African full back, found space, but the Greyhounds had to absorb wave after wave of Cambridge attacks, which earned only a further penalty goal. It was left to Kennedy to confirm victory with a dropped goal from 20 metres.

DETAILS

SCORERS: Cambridge University LX: Try: Rutter. Conversion: Kennedy. Penalty goals: Richards (2), Kennedy. Dropped goal: Kennedy. Oxford University Greyhounds: Try: Bursell. Penalty goals: Mermagen (2).

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: R Dix (Homerton); A Richards (Hughes Hall), D Moore (Trinity Hall), A Spencer (St John's), J Rutter (St John's); *A Kennedy (St John's), D Masien (Girton); D Brandt (Downing), J Edwards (St Catherine's), E Simpson (Clare), M Wright (Hughes Hall), G Fury (Hughes Hall), L Longstaff (Downing), H Jones (Caius, captain), R Earnshaw (St John's). Richards replaced by O Clayton (Magdalene, 40min).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GREYHOUNDS: A MacRobert (Keble); C Baily (Oriel), J Lloyd (Keble), A Enthoven (St Peter's), J Bursell (New College), M Mermagen (Keble), C Jones (University, captain); J Bothwell (Merton), A Logan (Christ Church); D Grant (Worcester), P Harrison (New College), R Underhill (Green), J Reader (University), M Davies (St Anne's), M Orsler (Christ Church).

* denotes a Blue

Referee: D Grashoff (East Midlands).

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Elsworth switches Atours to Ireland

By Julian Muscat

RECENT events in the betting world suggested that Atours would bypass the William Hill Handicap Hurdle at Sandown tomorrow in favour of the Hatton Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse on Sunday. David Elsworth, who trains Atours, yesterday confirmed that when committing his improving six-year-old to an early confrontation with Danoli, the Champion Hurdle favourite.

Atours, due to carry 10st 2lb at the Esher track, had the look of a handicap snip and was promptly installed the 6-4 on favourite by the race sponsors on Monday. Oh So Risky, a stablemate of Atours, was priced at 7-1 and attracted brisk support, forcing Hills to halve his odds in anticipation of Atours's defection.

"I have decided to take Atours to Ireland; I would rather take on Danoli than Oh So Risky," Elsworth said yesterday. "I have thought long and hard about it. It has been difficult to know what to do. Now we'll have to see whether I have got it right."

Doubtless Elsworth will have considered the fact that Danoli, most of whose victories have been gained over distances beyond the two miles of Sunday's race, is unlikely to be razor-sharp after a solitary outing against inferior opposition on his seasonal comeback last month.

Atours, for his part, is at the height of his considerable powers, which have propelled the six-year-old to second favourite for the Champion Hurdle itself. His encounter with Danoli will test the Irish horse's ability to race effectively at the minimum trip.

As for Saturday's Sandown race, Oh So Risky is most unlikely to start favourite despite his popularity in the betting stakes. The seven-year-old, himself runner-up in the Champion Hurdle in March, will carry the steadier of 12 stone. However, his participation has prompted David Nicholson to aim Relkeel at the valuable handicap.

If Atours's withdrawal has spared punters the dilemma of supporting an attractively-weighted but odds-on favourite, they now have to deliberate over another potentially well-treated animal in Relkeel. Indeed, it is Relkeel, with his featherweight of 10st 2lb, whom Hills favour at 9-4. Oh So Risky is an 11-4 chance, followed by Kadastrof at 13-2, Batabanoo at 7-1 and Her Honour at 10-1.

Speed is Relkeel's strength. His two victories this term have been bloodless affairs, so much so that Nicholson has postponed his intended chasing career in the hope that his five-year-old may be up to Champion Hurdle calibre.

"He's an interesting horse who has already schooled superbly over fences, but he'll have to run very well tomorrow if we are to think about the Champion," Nicholson said yesterday. "As for his weight, I don't know if he's favourably treated as he's never run in a handicap." Nicholson's string is certainly in rude health. Having sent out 28 winners last month, he maintained the winning thread with a near 37-1 double, courtesy of Air Shot and Musthaveaswig, at Uttoxeter yesterday. Nicholson also confirmed that Viking Flagship, his two-mile champion, would make his much-awaited seasonal reappearance in the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown tomorrow.

Antonin's start to the season has been less successful. Sue Bramall's fencer was afflicted by a poor blood count when pulled up at Cheltenham last month. But the six-year-old has recovered sufficiently for Bramall to nominate the Ericsson Chase, at Leopardstown on December 27, as his next target. Antonin is to miss the Coral Welsh National, for which Master Oats was supported with the sponsors yesterday to 12-1.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CALL MY GUEST
(2.30 Sandown Park)

Next best: Pennymoor Prince
(2.20 Exeter)

Well-wishers pay tribute to the Queen of Speed

MARC ASPLAND



Balding and supporters offer Lochsong a rousing reception before she departed from Kingsclere for the paddocks

Lochsong given fitting farewell

Jack Waterman was among the guests at the retirement party for a distinguished filly

LOCHSONG, the champion sprinter and the mare whose personality and prowess went to the hearts of the entire racing public, yesterday gave a party to celebrate her retirement to her owner's Littleton Stud near Winchester: the place, fittingly, where her sire, Song, once held court.

The celebration was at the Kingsclere stables of her trainer Ian Balding, with champagne laid on for staff and well-wishers.

There was some who could not attend, including Dick Hern, who sent a regretful fax personally to Lochsong and Jack Berry, who wrote to her, recalling the epic duel with his Paris House in the King George Stakes at Goodwood last year, and confiding that the memory of that pillar-to-post tussle would stay with him "to the grave".

Just after noon, she was led out of her box and paraded by Chris Scudder, the lad who has always looked after her. Not known for her liking of parades, this was a one-off exception as she walked round and, well-versed in playing to an appreciative audience, posed as miles of film were exposed and the television cameras turned.

She enjoyed it all and, not least, the moment when her jockey, Frankie Dettori, sporting his purple Lochsong baseball cap, got on her back "for the last time" as he said.

And Lochsong seemed about to exert the right of a prima donna to get rid of her partner. Fortunately, she did not and the champion jockey, ebony-tanned after a Caribbean holiday, and off to Hong Kong on Monday after the Derby Awards luncheon, was able safely to call for a round of applause which she resoundingly received.

It was, above all, by no means a tear-jerking farewell, but a celebration of the pleasure Lochsong gave with her 15 exhilarating catch-me-if-you-can victories over the past four seasons.

Balding said: "It's sad in one way and in another not. It's great to train for breeding owners because you know you're going to get the offspring."

Her owner, Jeff Smith, said: "I'm not sad, really I'm not. She's fit and well and I've still got her." He recalled memorable moments like her consecutive victories in the Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp: "A great place for a great racehorse."

Smith said: "Lochsong's best day for me was when she won the Nunthorpe. I didn't think she would beat Paris House or Keen Hunter at the weights. That has to be one of the greatest moments in racing for me." He added that Lochsong would be going to Coolmore Stud in early February to be mated with Bluebird.

Dettori, meanwhile, was able to plant his customary and final kiss on her, saying: "She's done us proud." And on the possible result of her mating with another speed specialist, sagely commented: "It will take them three months to catch the foal."

So in the end, without fuss, Lochsong was led up the ramp into a little blue horsebox. As it vanished up the drive, the notice on it "Caution Racehorses", hardly seemed adequate to the distinguished occupant. Adieu, Queen of Speed.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER
12.55 Sublime Fellow. 1.25 Parson's Way. 2.00 Guiburn's Nephew. 2.30 Call My Guest. 3.00 Arthur's Minstrel. 3.30 GREENBACK (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 CALL MY GUEST.

GOING: GOOD SIS

12.55 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,949: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

101 0-61 SENOR EL BETRUTTI 9 (D,S) (G Nock) C Brooks 5-11-10 G Bradley 98
102 32-2 ABSOLUTELY AVERAGE 15 (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 4-11-0 M Berry (7) 98
103 BRAES OF MAR (Queen Elizabeth) N Henderson 4-11-0 J R Kavanagh –
104 0-65 GREY FINCH 22 (Economic Security) O Sherwood 5-11-0 J A McCarthy 74
105 LAGHAM LAD (Mrs S Addington-Smith) J Gifford 5-11-0 E Murphy –
106 LOCH GARMAN (Mrs R Cairns) F Murphy 4-11-0 M Dwyer –
107 RUN HENRY RUN (Mrs J Shipley) J Gifford 4-11-0 J J Brown (7) –
108 0-P SPIN ECHO 22 (R Waley-Cohen) R Waley-Cohen 5-11-0 N Williamson –
109 20-5 SUBLIME FELLOW 20 (Lady Annabel Goldsmith) N Henderson 4-11-0 M A Fitzgerald [illegible]

BETTING: 9-4 Senor El Betrutti, 7-2 Sublime Fellow, 4-1 Absolutely Average, 7-1 Loch Garman, 8-1 Run Henry Run, 10-1 Grey Finch, Braes Of Mar, 12-1 others.

1993: MY WIZARD 6-10-11 P Hide (14-1) J Gifford 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

SENOR EL BETRUTTI beat Treasure Again 8l in Windsor novice hurdle (2m, good to soft). ABSOLUTELY AVERAGE 4l 2nd of 7 to Captain Khedive in Ludlow novice hurdle (2m, good to firm). BRAES OF MAR. Half-brother by Busted to Lunabelle, winner over hurdles and fences. GREY FINCH about 18l 5th of 11 to Smart In Sable in Taunton novice hurdle (2m 1f, good). LAGHAM LAD. Half-brother by Don't Forget Me to Glenelaine, 2m winner over hurdles. RUN HENRY RUN. Half-brother by Henbit to winning Irish pointer, dam unraced. SUBLIME FELLOW 16l 5th to Berude Not To in grade II Flowers Fine Ales Novice Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, soft), with SENOR EL BETRUTTI (10lb worse off) ¾l 6th.
Selection: SUBLIME FELLOW

1.25 POND FENCE NOVICES CHASE
(£4,046: 3m 110yd) (4 runners)

201 P0P-012 PARSON'S WAY 49 (BF,G) (A King) A Jones 7-11-2 Mr G Brown [illegible]
202 0-24633 NEWTON POINT 14 (F,G,S) (PPS Racing Partnership) T George 5-10-12 A Maguire 98
203 0/00P-06 RIVAGE BLEU 20 (C King) J King 7-10-12 S Fox 78
204 WHOLESTONE (K Bailey) K Bailey 6-10-12 N Williamson –

BETTING: Evens Newton Point, 11-8 Parson's Way, 5-1 Wholestone, 16-1 Rivage Bleu.

1993: YORKSHIRE GALE 7-10-12 D J Murphy (6-1) J Gifford 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

PARSON'S WAY beat Mister Feathers 11l in 10-runner amateur riders' handicap chase at Towcester (3m 6f, good) on penultimate start. NEWTON POINT 20l 3rd of 8 to Brownhall in novice chase at Leicester (3m, good). RIVAGE BLEU 36l 6th of 11 to Carlingford Lakes in novice chase at Windsor (3m 5l, good to soft). WHOLESTONE. Half-brother by Cataldi to Joe White, fair handicap chaser at his best.
Selection: PARSON'S WAY

2.00 CROWNGAP CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,652: 2m 4f 110yd) (4 runners)

301 3F32-22 GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 15 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Steed) P Hobbs 12-12-0 C Maude [illegible]
302 42-121U GLEMOT 13 (CD,F,G,S) (D Yardy) K Bailey 6-11-10 N Williamson 93
303 22R1-P0 GREEN ISLAND 31 (F,G,S) (J Moloney) A Dunn 8-11-1 A Maguire 97
304 0130/P3 RETAIL RUNNER 16 (G,S) (M Pinnell) J Gifford 9-10-10 E Murphy –

BETTING: 6-4 Glemot, 5-2 Guiburn's Nephew, 3-1 Retail Runner, 7-2 Green Island.

1993: DEADLY CHARM 7-10-11 A Maguire (13-2) D Nicholson 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 3½l 2nd of 8 to Kings Fountain in handicap chase at Newbury (2m 4f, good to firm) with RETAIL RUNNER pulled up 4 out. GLEMOT beat Jailbreaker 8l in 5-runner handicap chase at Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). GREEN ISLAND best effort last season, beat Mr Pickpocket neck in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, good to soft). RETAIL RUNNER tailed off 3rd of 5 to Dublin Flyer in handicap chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, good).
Selection: GLEMOT (nap)

2.30 CROWNGAP WINTER NOVICES HURDLE
(Grade II: £9,465: 2m 6f) (8 runners)

401 2P-2211 CALL MY GUEST 17 (G,S) (Bezwell Fixings Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-0 M Dwyer [illegible]
402 261-421 CUCHULLAINS GOLD 41 (F,G) (M McEvoy) J White 6-11-0 N Williamson 60
403 40-1214 KARAR 29 (G,S) (Mrs M Sampson) R Rowe 4-11-0 E Murphy 76
404 0023-31 KING LUCIFER 10 (S) (D) (Mrs A Davies) D Nicholson 5-11-0 A Maguire 74
405 4-23 MOUSE BIRD 17 (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 4-11-0 G Bradley 59
406 0-1 ROBERTY LEA 17 (S) (Wendale Const Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-0 P Niven 79
407 025-216 SOLO GENT 14 (F) (A King) A Jones 5-11-0 G McCourt 80
408 235236/ VIRKON VENTURE 25F (Mrs J Auchincloss) M Tompkins 6-11-0 D Bridgwater –

BETTING: 2-1 Call My Guest, 5-2 Roberty Lea, 5-1 Cuchullains Gold, King Lucifer, 7-1 Mouse Bird, 8-1 Karar, 12-1 others.

1993: TOP SPIN 4-11-4 A Maguire (11-2) J Jenkins 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CALL MY GUEST completing double, beat Malawi 25l in 9-runner conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Wetherby (3m 4f 110yd, good to soft). CUCHULLAINS GOLD beat Mountain Reach 5l in 10-runner novice hurdle at Huntingdon (3m 2f, good). KARAR 11¾l 4th of 9 to Going Around in grade II St Modwen Classic Novice Hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). KING LUCIFER beat Hurricane Hanic 11l in 13-runner novice hurdle at Stratford (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft). ROBERTY LEA beat Cool Luke 6l in 23-runner novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good to soft). SOLO GENT beat Punters Overhead 15l in 13-runner novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: CALL MY GUEST

3.00 P & O HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,743: 3m 5f 110yd) (5 runners)

501 P/3PU2-2 KEEP TALKING 14 (F,G) (Queen Elizabeth) T Thomson Jones 9-11-10 Mr D Parker (5) [illegible]
502 P16-131 GOLD CAP 20 (S) (G Meadows) P Hobbs 9-11-8 G McCourt 85
503 362U-F3 ARTHUR'S MINSTREL 21 (F,G,S) (B Hathaway) D Nicholson 7-11-3 A Maguire 95
504 P141P2 FROZEN DROP 21 (F) (J Cullen) P Ritchens 7-10-0 S Fox (5) 88
505 P4P-540 WOODLANDS GENHIRE 37 (V,F) (Woodlands Ltd) P Pritchard 9-10-0 D Bridgwater 89

Long handicap: Frozen Drop 8-13, Woodlands Genhire 7-10.

BETTING: 13-8 Arthur's Minstrel, 7-4 Gold Cap, 9-4 Keep Talking, 14-1 Frozen Drop, 50-1 Woodlands Genhire

1993: PADAVENTURE 8-10-0 L Wyer (7-2) Mrs M Reveley 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

KEEP TALKING 30l 2nd of 6 to Run Up The Flag in amateur riders' handicap chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, good). Best effort last season, ¾l 2nd of 13 to Bradwall in handicap chase at Bangor (3m 110yd, good). GOLD CAP beat Dalyns Boy 1½l in 6-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 3f 110yd, good to soft). ARTHUR'S MINSTREL 14l 3rd of 6 to Earth Summit in limited handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good). Best effort last season, about 30l 6th of 18 to Monsieur Le Cure in grade I Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to soft). FROZEN DROP 1½l 2nd of 8 to General Brandy in a conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Huntingdon (3m, good). WOODLANDS GENHIRE tailed off 7th of 11 to La Stregone in an amateur riders' handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: GOLD CAP

3.30 DECEMBER THREE-YEAR-OLD NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,129: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

601 212211 GREENBACK 16 (CD,F,G,S) (J Joseph) P Hobbs 11-7 G McCourt [illegible]
602 2113 NASHVILLE STAR 13 (V,D,F,G) (R Mathew) R Mathew 11-4 N Williamson 92
603 P32632 PLATO'S REPUBLIC 13 (D,F) (J Long) J Jenkins 11-4 P Niven 93
604 AINSI SOIT IL 20F (A-Men Partnership) F Murphy 11-0 M Dwyer –
605 3 KATINYD 8 (Charterhouse Holdings Plc) Mrs N Macauley 11-0 M A Fitzgerald 84
606 5 LOMBARDIC 7 (BF) (Bonusprint) D Nicholson 11-0 A Maguire 86
607 MARSHALL NEY 90F (P Bedford) N Twiston-Davies 11-0 D Bridgwater –
608 RAFTER-J 73F (T Ford) Miss J Doyle 11-0 S Curran (5) –

BETTING: 9-4 Greenback, 5-2 Lombardic, 6-1 Plato's Republic, Nashville Star, 7-1 Marshall Ney, Ainsi Soit Il, 12-1 others.

1993: BAGALINO 11-0 M Perrett (9-4) G Harwood 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREENBACK completing double, beat Golden Arrow 2l in 7-runner juvenile hurdle at Kempton (2m, good). Previously beat Clifton Set 5l in 13-runner juvenile hurdle over course and distance (soft) with PLATO'S REPUBLIC 26½l 6th. NASHVILLE STAR 3½l 2nd of 4, subsequently awarded race, to Mytton's Choice in juvenile hurdle at Newcastle (2m 110yd, firm). PLATO'S REPUBLIC 1½l 2nd of 6 to Silver Wedge in juvenile hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good) with NASHVILLE STAR 1½l 3rd. AINSI SOIT IL 7¾l 5th of 8 to Peter L'Alsacien in juvenile hurdle at Fontainebleau (1m 7f, good). KATINYD 21½l 3rd of 10 to Anzum in juvenile hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good). LOMBARDIC 20l 5th of 11 to Brave Tornado in juvenile hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: GREENBACK

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Jimmy Fitzgerald	4	11	36.4	M Dwyer	3	11	27.3
D Nicholson	22	64	34.4	A Maguire	14	65	21.5
Mrs M Reveley	3	11	27.3	G McCourt	3	20	15.0
J Gifford	24	126	19.0	G Bradley	4	38	10.5
K Bailey	7	41	17.1	Only qualifiers			
O Sherwood	8	49	16.3				

Llewellyn delays return

CARL Llewellyn has been forced to delay his comeback for at least another week. The jockey has been sidelined since suffering a foot injury in a fall at Towcester three weeks ago. Llewellyn said yesterday: "I spoke to Dr Turner [the chief medical adviser] this morning and he said that once the level of pain goes down I can come back. He predicted that it could take as long as ten days or so. It's getting better all the time and it could be that I will be able to return by the middle or the end of next week."

Since his injury Llewellyn has missed rides in the Mackeson Gold Cup, First National Bank Gold Cup and Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup. He is likely to be replaced by Mick Fitzgerald on board Party Politics in the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow tomorrow.

EXETER

THUNDERER
12.50 Ross Graham. 1.20 Lying Eyes. 1.50 L'Uomo Piu. 2.20 Devil's Corner. 2.55 Absalom's Lady. 3.25 Chickabiddy. 3.55 Shining Light.

GOING: GOOD SIS

12.50 TRIPLEPRINT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,057: 2m 3f 110yd) (18 runners)

1 P4-2 APACHE PRINCE 24 C Mann 7-11-10 D Bohan (3) 90
2 0215 KINDLE'S DELIGHT 13 (CD,B) Miss H Knight 6-11-9 A Procter 97
3 3232 CERTAIN ANGLE 22 (G) P Hobbs 5-11-7 G Tormey 92
4 40-2 ROSS GRAHAM 20 Mrs B Waring 6-11-4 D Matthews 98
5 0F-0 SCORESHEET 34 J Gifford 4-11-4 P Hide 85
6 2441 SINGERS IMAGE 44 (CD,F,G) A Forte 5-11-4 R Davis 89
7 4-42 JHAL FREZI 29 A Barrow 6-11-3 S Lyons 90
8 -R40 DUNKERY BEACON 64 H Howe 8-10-11 R Massey 86
9 -0P4 WISE STATEMENT 31 G Balding 5-10-10 R Arnold (6) 91
10 64P6 CLASSIC IMAGE 13 (B) M Pipe 4-10-8 T Dascombe (3) 92
11 5-66 TURF RUN 22 A Turnell 7-10-5 D Fortt 90
12 0F-F APRIL'S MODEL LADY 22 A J Wilson 8-10-5 D Leahy 84
13 -060 QUEENS CONTRACTOR 8 S Mellor 4-10-1 Chris Webb (3) 93
14 P6-5 AUSTRAL JANE 18 G Thorner 4-10-1 Pat Thompson (3) [illegible]
15 2F0P GUSHY 38 R Baker 8-10-0 S O'Donnell (3) –
16 45/ FERMAIN 615F P Leach 5-10-0 M Moran (3) –
17 5-00 JUMPING JUDGE 15 N Thomson 7-10-0 M Keighley (3) 81
18 46F0 PENHILL FLAME 15 (G) N Mitchell 8-10-0 D Burrows (6) 81

5-1 Jhal Frezi, 6-1 Certain Angle, 7-1 Ross Graham, Apache Prince, 10-1 others

1.20 BONUSPRINT JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,992: 2m 2f) (12)

1 4031 DAKOTA GIRL 18 (C,G,S) G Balding 11-7 R Arnold (7) 86
2 F163 GOLD'N SHROUD 20 (F) T Thomson Jones 11-5 W Marston 98
3 4451 PRIMOST 22 (G) F Murphy 11-5 B Murphy (5) 80
4 0 ALLER MOOR 23 R Hodges 10-12 A Tory –
5 0 BLUE RAVEN 55 P Hobbs 10-12 Peter Hobbs –
6 CADOUGOLD 54 M Pipe 10-12 R Dunwoody –
7 SHERHABIT Mrs A Knight 10-12 D Matthews (5) –
8 3 SHERIFF 16 J Hills 10-12 S McNeill 74
9 SMOOTH HOUND 393F F Murphy 10-12 M Foster –
10 STOMPIN 53F Miss H Knight 10-12 J Osborne –
11 2 JOSIFINA 34 M McCormack 10-7 I Lawrence [illegible]
12 52 LYING EYES 17 W G M Turner 10-7 M Griffiths (7) 97

4-1 Josifina, 5-1 Dakota Girl, 6-1 Gold'n Shroud, Lying Eyes, 7-1 others.

1.50 BONUSPRINT HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,659: 2m 7f 110yd) (8)

1 -132 TOUREEN PRINCE 13 (BF,G,S) Miss H Knight 11-11-10 Mr J M Pritchard 95
2 8-U2 CLEVER SHEPHERD 15 (CD,F,G) P Hobbs 9-11-3 Peter Hobbs 94
3 14F6 WHATAGALE 8 (D,F,G) O Sherwood 7-11-0 J Osborne 97
4 -1U3 FURRY KNOWE 15 (C,F,G) Mrs J Retter 9-10-9 R Dunwoody 95
5 4P21 L'UOMO PIU 8 (F,G,S) A Barrow 10-10-9 (5ex) B Powell 95
6 -523 COOL AND EASY 11 (BF,G,S) J Gifford 8-10-5 P Hide [illegible]
7 3-PP LOCKWOOD PRINCE 22 (F,G,S) R Frost 11-10-3 J Frost 80
8 /0 TURPIN'S GREEN 15 (G) J King 11-10-0 R Farrant –

9-4 Toureen Prince, 3-1 Clever Shepherd, 7-2 L'Uomo Piu, 4-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Mann, 4 winners from 5 runners, 80.0%; M Pipe, 81 from 255, 31.8%; Miss H Knight, 8 from 26, 30.8%; Mrs N Dodfield, 4 from 14, 28.6%; N Henderson, 5 from 20, 25.0%; T Thomson Jones, 4 from 16, 25.0%.

JOCKEYS: M Foster, 12 winners from 46 rides, 26.1%; J Osborne, 11 from 43, 25.6%; T Dascombe, 3 from 12, 25.0%; M Hourigan, 7 from 29, 24.1%; R Dunwoody, 27 from 117, 23.1%; Peter Hobbs, 14 from 73, 19.2%.

2.20 EBF TRIPLEPRINT NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: Div I: £2,373: 2m 2f) (13)

1 /50- A FORTIORI 275 (B,S) M Pipe 6-11-0 R Dunwoody 70
2 25-3 CRANE HILL 15 P Hobbs 4-11-0 Peter Hobbs –
3 5-00 DEVIL'S CORNER 20 H Webb 6-11-0 S McNeill [illegible]
4 546- GOD SPEED YOU 261 (B) C Nash 5-11-0 W Marston 64
5 0-4 LIVING ON THE EDGE 58 C Egerton 5-11-0 J Osborne –
6 MARKET GOSSIP R Alner 4-11-0 B Powell –
7 4-26 PENNYMOOR PRINCE 23 R Frost 5-11-0 R Darke 95
8 500- PONGO WARING 216 Miss H Knight 5-11-0 R Farrant –
9 000- PURBECK CAVALIER 240 Mrs J Retter 5-11-0 Mr J Culloty (7) –
10 0 RED LIGHTER 27 J Old 5-11-0 T Grantham –
11 00-0 DUNNICKS COUNTRY 17 F Tucker 4-10-9 G Upton –
12 0 INNER SNU 8 (B) N Mitchell 5-10-9 J F Titley –
13 00-0 LADY LIR 17 B Young 5-10-9 Miss S Young –

3-1 Pennymoor Prince, 4-1 Devil's Corner, 6-1 Crane Hill, 7-1 others.

2.55 TRIPLEPRINT NOVICES CHASE
(£4,659: 2m 2f) (14)

1 P00- CELTIC LAIRD 265 Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 W Marston –
2 0U GOLDEN EYE 10 (B) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-11-0 I Lawrence –
3 0-R0 GOLD GLEN 34 (V) P Makin 6-11-0 Richard Guest –
4 0 HANSON STREET 10 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 7-11-0 A Tory –
5 P0-6 IT'S AFTER TIME 18 (S) Mrs R Brackenbury 9-11-0 J F Titley –
6 0-0P JOKERS PATCH 38 (S) R Baker 7-11-0 B Powell –
7 26-4 MIAMI SPLASH 14 (G,S) P Hobbs 7-11-0 Peter Hobbs 61
8 50- MR SUNNYSIDE 203 (G) R Frost 8-11-0 J Frost –
9 -U31 POLK 16 (S) M Pipe 5-11-0 M Foster –
10 /14- SPARKLING SUNSET 314 (S) N Henderson 6-11-0 R Dunwoody –
11 4F5- TAKE CHANCES 219 Mrs P Dutfield 6-11-0 S McNeill –
12 20-P THREE OF CLUBS 20 Miss H Knight 5-11-0 J Osborne –
13 25-0 TULLYKYNE BELLS 16 (B) L Snook 5-11-0 M Hourigan –
14 -122 ABSALOM'S LADY 20 (BF,G,S) D Elsworth 6-10-9 P Holley [illegible]

5-4 Absalom's Lady, 5-2 Sparkling Sunset, 8-1 Polk, 12-1 Miami Splash, 14-1 Celtic Laird, 16-1 It's After Time, 20-1 Gold Glen, 25-1 others.

3.25 BONUSPRINT HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,477: 2m 2f) (11)

1 0-14 KABAYIL 17 (G,S) C Egerton 5-12-0 J Osborne 94
2 P4-0 INDIAN RUN 20 (G) R Hodges 5-11-11 W McFarland 90
3 /04 MUSICAL MONARCH 24 (G,S) O Sherwood 8-10-12 M Richards 80
4 65-0 GALAXY HIGH 7 (C,G,S) P Leach 7-10-10 S McNeill 92
5 3115 CHICKABIDDY 22 (CD,BF,F,G) G Edwards 6-10-1 R Dunwoody 97
6 140- HOLD YOUR RANKS 265 (S) R Frost 7-10-0 J Frost [illegible]
7 456- LUCKY BLUE 210 (S) N Thomson 7-10-0 R Farrant 94
8 -U44 PROJECT'S MATE 46 (B,S) R Brown 7-10-0 W Marston 87
9 -P03 SOUTH SANDS 22 (C,D,F,G) A Forte 8-10-0 B Powell 77
10 /P/ ROCQUAINE 769 (G) B Scriven 8-10-0 Mr B Pollock (7) –
11 31P- TUMBLED BRIDE 230 (S) V Greenway 8-10-0 M Hourigan 78

5-2 Kabayil, 4-1 Musical Monarch, 6-1 Chickabiddy, 7-1 Indian Run, 8-1 South Sands, Lucky Blue, 10-1 Project's Mate, 12-1 others

3.55 EBF TRIPLEPRINT NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: Div II: £2,373: 2m 2f) (12)

1 60-1 SHINING LIGHT 22 (S) D Nicholson 5-11-10 R Massey (7) [illegible]
2 00-4 KING FOWLER 18 C Broad 4-11-0 W Marston 75
3 6-00 KING'S CROSS 17 A J Wilson 5-11-0 D Leahy (3) 70
4 1-04 NATIVE ALLIANCE 8 (BF,S) M Pipe 5-11-0 R Dunwoody 90
5 606- SHIMBA HILLS 254 Mrs J Retter 6-11-0 Mr J Culloty (7) 83
6 P-52 STORM FALCON 15 S Mellor 4-11-0 Chris Webb (7) 80
7 STORM FORCE TEN N Beselee 5-11-0 J Osborne –
8 0- WELSH'S GAMBLE 254 J Old 5-11-0 T Grantham –
9 6/ CLERIHUE 591 P Hobbs 5-10-9 Peter Hobbs –
10 0 ELEAMORA MUSE 22 F Murphy 4-10-9 M Foster –
11 23-0 NO NEAR MISS 42 (S) D Elsworth 4-10-9 P Holley –
12 /00- STORMY PETREL 263 P Walwyn 5-10-9 B Powell –

4-6 Shining Light, 6-1 Native Alliance, 8-1 Storm Force Ten, 10-1 others

Blinkered first time

EXETER: 2.55 Golden Eye, Gold Glen. HEREFORD: 1.45 Lucy Two Shoes. 2.45 Kirstys Lark, Playing Tricks.

HEREFORD

THUNDERER
12.40 Bankhead. 1.10 Dextra Dove. 1.45 High Post. 2.15 Derrymoss. 2.45 Riva's Book. 3.15 Embley Buoy. 3.45 Polden Pride.

GOING: GOOD SIS

12.40 BALLINGHAM NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,919: 3m 2f) (12 runners)

1 UF0- BALLY PARSON 240 (G) R Dickin 8-10-10 D Meredith (3)
2 P2 BANKHEAD 24 K Bailey 5-10-10 F Leahy (5)
3 0-PP CHUKATEN 24 J Mackie 5-10-10 T Eley (3)
4 00 GOOD LOOKING GUY 20 Mrs J Young 5-10-10 Mr A Charles-Jones
5 -004 HAILE DERRING 14 M Scudamore 4-10-10 R Bellamy
6 00-5 I'M IN CLOVER 15 T Thomson Jones 5-10-10 J Railton
7 0-00 JASON'S BOY 10 J Bradley 4-10-10 Guy Lewis (5)
8 00-P JUNGLE KING 27 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 5-10-10 R Greene
9 0P-0 MR WENDYL 51 C Trietline 6-10-10 L Harvey
10 -4P3 WAYWARD SAILOR 8 (B,G) J Spearing 8-10-10 A P McCoy (3)
11 -F33 LANDSKER PRYDE 15 M Pipe 5-10-5 J Lower
12 /4-6 TONY MURPHYS LADY 13 John R Upson 8-10-5 J Supple (5)

6-4 Bankhead, 3-1 Wayward Sailor, 9-2 Landsker Pryde, 8-1 others.

1.10 BACTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,990: 2m 3f) (3)

1 12P1 DEXTRA DOVE 16 (CD,F,G,S) R Alner 7-11-10 S Earle
2 -626 EVENING RAIN 3 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 8-10-0 A P McCoy (3)
3 P501 HURRICANE TOMMY 35 (V,F,G) A J Wilson 7-10-0 D Gallagher

4-7 Dextra Dove, 5-2 Hurricane Tommy, 4-1 Evening Rain.

1.45 PENCOED NOVICES SELLING HURDLE
(£1,625: 2m 1f) (16)

1 /P0 BARBARY REEF 17 H Manners 6-11-0 M Appleby (7)
2 3 CALDERVALE 7 L Barratt 4-11-0 T Kent
3 /0P- CREDIT CALL 388 R Brazington 6-11-0 W Humphreys
4 60 ELEGANT HUSSAR 24 R Rowe 4-11-0 D O'Sullivan
5 2/3 HIGH POST 13 G Ham 5-11-0 A P McCoy (3)
6 2/5- IL BAMBINO 485 H Manners 6-11-0 Mr Richard White (7)
7 PP-4 KIMBERLEY BOY 42 G Charles-Jones 4-11-0 Paul Thompson (7)
8 NIGELSCHINAPALACE 76F Miss S Wilton 5-11-0 T Eley (3)
9 PRINCE PALACIO 353F D Burchell 4-11-0 D J Burchell
10 0-6 WAIPIRO 51 Mrs S Williams 4-11-0 D Gallagher
11 40-P WEDNESDAYS AUCTION 15 (B) P Rodford 6-11-0 S Burrough
12 0-6 LADY AEDEAN 15 T George 4-10-9 T Jenks (3)
13 0000 LUCY TWO SHOES 13 (B) M Barraclough 5-10-9 Ann Stokell
14 05 MILLSTOCK 21 A Jones 4-10-9 L Harvey
15 322- MINI FETE 166 K Burke 5-10-9 R Greene
16 UP-P MITA'S CHOICE 38 A Newcombe 4-10-9 B Clifford

7-2 High Post, 4-1 Caldervale, 5-1 Mini Fete, 7-1 Millstock, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Alner, 6 winners from 16 runners, 37.5%; N Twiston-Davies, 14 from 47, 29.8%; M Pipe, 30 from 106, 28.3%; M Scudamore, 3 from 14, 21.4%; K Bridgwater, 7 from 37, 18.9%.

JOCKEYS: J Lower, 5 winners from 20 rides, 25.0%; D J Burchell, 9 from 39, 23.1%; S Earle, 8 from 53, 15.1%; B Clifford, 4 from 32, 12.5%; R Greene, 3 from 27, 11.1%; L Harvey, 6 from 58, 10.3%

2.15 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE
(Qualifier: £3,160: 3m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 -05P ALLO GEORGE 8 (G) A Newcombe 8-11-0 A Thornton
2 36P- BARGAIN AND SALE 406 (F,G,S) D Minty 9-11-0 Mr I Dowrick
3 /U0 CROSA'S DELIGHT 21 A Jones 7-11-0 L Harvey
4 13-4 DERRYMOSS 7 (V,S) M Pipe 8-11-0 J Lower
5 4/2- OLD FATHER TIME 394 K Bailey 7-11-0 F Leahy (5)
6 P-PU ROMANY CREEK 9 (V) G Balding 5-11-0 B Clifford
7 FPFP TEEGA SUKU 27 Mrs J Young 7-11-0 Mr A Charles-Jones
8 34P5 PRIZE MATCH 16 (S) J Tuck 5-10-9 D Meade

5-4 Derrymoss, 5-2 Old Father Time, 9-2 Bargain And Sale, 5-1 Prize Match, 10-1 Allo George, 16-1 Crosa's Delight, 20-1 others.

2.45 TUPSLEY JUVENILE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE
(£2,024: 2m 1f) (12)

1 2153 RIVA'S BOOK 13 (F) S Coathup 11-11 R Greene
2 6 REGAL RAMBLER 8 L Barratt 11-3 S Wynne (3)
3 5 BLASTER BATES 74F R Brotherton 10-13 L Harvey
4 0 MINT A MILLION 8 M Blanchard 10-13 D Gallagher
5 0 NAHRI 8 J Mackie 10-13 T Eley (3)
6 SKY DIVER 29F B Llewellyn 10-12 Mr J Llewellyn (5)
7 0 PETITJEAN 34 D Burchell 10-9 D J Burchell
8 ACHA LARKA M Barraclough 10-5 Ann Stokell
9 06 FEATHERSTONE ROVER 13 (B) R Johnson Houghton 10-5 S Burrough
10 66P KIRSTYS LARK 8 (B) J Pickering 10-4 W Worthington
11 LITTLE MINER 10F B Palling 10-0 A P McCoy (3)
12 3366 PLAYING TRICKS 20 (V) P Evans 10-0 F Leahy (5)

5-4 Riva's Book, 3-1 Playing Tricks, 10-1 Kirstys Lark, Sky Diver, 12-1 Acha Larka, Little Miner, 14-1 others

3.15 KINGS CAPLE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,541: 2m) (12)

1 U-2P JAMES THE FIRST 37 (F,G,S) P Nicholls 6-12-0 Guy Lewis (5)
2 B-5P BLACK CHURCH 18 R Rowe 8-10-13 D O'Sullivan
3 -R43 RIDAKA 7 J Mackie 7-10-11 T Eley (3)
4 0032 PORT IN A STORM 9 (S) N Tinkler 5-10-11 N Doughty
5 -250 PECCAVI 46 V Bishop 10-10-7 Mr R Johnson (7)
6 1P0F EMERALD VENTURE 8 (F,G) T Caldwell 7-10-6 Pat Caldwell
7 40-F TINA'S MISSILE 7 R Lee 7-10-6 R Greene
8 4-FP TUDOR WEDDING 20 R Alner 9-10-0 S Earle
9 0-P1 EMBLEY BUOY 16 (CD,S) J Mullins 6-10-0 L Harvey
10 -406 STERLING BUCK 22 G Yardley 7-10-0 T Jenks (3)
11 2654 RHOMAN FUN 17 G Ham 5-10-0 A P McCoy (3)
12 030- MOON MONKEY 240 Mrs A King 6-10-0 R Bellamy

5-2 Embley Buoy, 3-1 Port In A Storm, 7-1 Peccavi, 8-1 Ridaka, 10-1 Black Church, James The First, 14-1 others.

3.45 BOGMARSH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,625: 2m 3f 110yd) (12)

1 62-F SIMON JOSEPH 16 T George 7-11-12 D Bentley
2 1223 MASTER TOBY 17 (G) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-5 T Jenks
3 1331 FIRST CENTURY 16 (B,CD,F,S) M Pipe 5-11-1 L Reynolds (3)
4 00-0 NO DOZING 15 W Brisbourne 5-10-13 S Wynne
5 -560 UPWARD SURGE 31 (B) K Bailey 4-10-13 F Leahy
6 0-U2 FORTINA'S SONG 16 S Griffiths 7-10-8 D Meredith
7 0-5P TALENT SPOTTER 13 K Bridgwater 7-10-7 A Shakespeare (7)
8 /0-0 MERRY SCORPION 15 E Owen Jr 5-10-5 T Eley
9 0-50 POLDEN PRIDE 15 G Balding 6-10-4 A P McCoy
10 45-6 CHRIS'S GLEN 15 J Bradley 5-10-3 Guy Lewis
11 5P-0 NO BATTERY NEEDED 22 D Geraghty 7-10-0 J Supple
12 /P-0 WASSLS MILLION 15 T Morton 8-10-0 J James (5)

5-2 First Century, 3-1 Fortina's Song, 4-1 Master Toby, 6-1 Simon Joseph, 10-1 Polden Pride, 14-1 Chris's Glen, 16-1 others.

Williamson's four-timer

NORMAN Williamson sailed past the 50-winner mark for the season with a 616-1 four-timer at Windsor yesterday. Kim Bailey's stable jockey started his successful afternoon on Fourth In Line for John Edwards in the opening Oakley Green Novices' Hurdle and completed it with a treble for Bailey on Pampered Guest, Over The Stream and Drumstick.

Williamson said: "That's my second four-timer in the five seasons I have been over here. I had one last season at Southwell." But Fourth In Line's win was marred when he returned lame.

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Windsor
Going: good (good to soft in patches)
12.20 (2m hdle) 1, Fourth In Line (N Williamson, 15-8 fav); 2, Poinciana (10-1); 3, Katie's Joker (16-1). 12 ran. 4l, 7l. J Edwards. Tote: £3.10; £1.20, £2.20, £4.70. DF: £11.40. CSF: £24.15.
12.50 (3m hdle) 1, Pampered Guest (N Williamson, 10-1); 2, Ginger Jim (10-1); 3, Quasimodo (6-1). Desert Fighter 11-8 fav. 16 ran. NR: Kalesadi. 3½l, 1½l. K Bailey. Tote: £22.80; £4.20, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £36.90. CSF: £109.99.
1.20 (2m 5f ch) 1, Miss Marigold (A Tory, 14-1); 2, Mr Invader (9-1); 3, Magsood (6-1). Ask The Governor 5-2 fav. 15 ran. NR: Victory Gate. 2½l, 10l. R Hodges. Tote: £21.00; £5.40, £2.00, £3.30. DF: £92.80. Trio: £370.50. CSF: £130.79. Tricast: £779.84.
1.50 (3m ch) 1, Over The Stream (N Williamson, 7-2); 2, Emerald Storm (5-2 fav); 3, Avonburn (13-2). 11 ran. 2½l, 6l. K Bailey. Tote: £4.90; £2.00, £1.70, £2.60. DF: £7.10. Trio: £30.20. CSF: £12.76. Tricast: £50.54.
2.20 (2m hdle) 1, Home From The Hill (W Marston, 7-2); 2, Holiday Island (10-3); 3, Spanish Refuge (12-1). Ship Of The Line 5-2 fav. 11 ran. 6l, hd. M Channon. Tote: £4.80; £3.30, £1.30, £3.40. DF: £8.20. CSF: £16.35.
2.50 (2m ch) 1, Drumstick (N Williamson, 100-30); 2, Always Remember (5-4 fav); 3, Driving Force (11-4). 7 ran. 2½l, nk. K Bailey. Tote: £3.70; £1.80, £1.90. DF: £3.50. CSF: £7.53.
3.20 (2m hdle) 1, Southampton (A P McCoy, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Keep Me In Mind (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Capenway (6-1). 11 ran. 2½l, 1¾l. G Balding. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £7.20. Trio: £14.90. CSF: £9.64. Tricast: £32.26.
Jackpot: not won (pool of £23,009.09 carried forward to Sandown today).
Placepot: £82.00. Quadpot: £55.10.

Uttoxeter
Going: good
12.30 (2m hdle) 1, Air Shot (A Maguire, 100-30 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, I'm A Dreamer (4-1); 3, Gone For A Burton (5-1). 16 ran. 1½l, 2l. D Nicholson. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £1.80, £2.20. DF: £5.80. CSF: £16.33.
1.00 (2m hdle) 1, Cash Chase (M Brennan, 16-1); 2, Aal El Aal (3-1); 3, Whippers Delight (11-2). King Athelstan 5-4 fav. 8 ran. Hd, 13l. O Brennan. Tote: £20.10; £3.00, £1.30, £1.80. DF: £34.70. CSF: £61.31. Tricast: £275.56.
1.30 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Memorable (D Byrne, 10-1); 2, Nordic Crown (11-2); 3, Clifton Set (11-8 fav). 10 ran. 3½l, 7l. J Hetherton. Tote: £12.60; £2.40, £1.70, £1.20. DF: £30.70. CSF: £57.67.
2.00 (2m ch) 1, Valfinet (R Dunwoody, 4-9 fav); 2, Pontynyswen (100-30); 3, Ramham (33-1). 7 ran. 30l, 10l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £1.60. DF: £2.00. CSF: £2.38.
2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Star Mover (T Murphy, 8-1); 2, Fly To The End (7-1); 3, Set-Em-Alight (16-1). Kalko 15-8 fav. 10 ran. NR: Alal. 7l, 6l. W Turner. Tote: £8.50; £2.10, £2.90, £4.90. DF: £47.40. Trio: £290.50. CSF: £56.70. Tricast: £790.71.
3.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, Amtrak Express (J R Kavanagh, Evens fav); 2, Bibendum (6-1); 3, Comedy Road (5-1). 6 ran. 10l, 20l. N Henderson. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £2.50. DF: £3.60. CSF: £6.84.
3.30 (2m 7f ch) 1, Musthaveaswig (A Maguire, 8-1); 2, Andermatt (6-1); 3, Philip's Woody (7-2 fav). 10 ran. 2½l, 1¾l. D Nicholson. Tote: £10.30; £2.50, £1.30, £2.00. DF: £17.60. Trio: £31.20. CSF: £55.97. Tricast: £202.26.
Placepot: £73.70. Quadpot: £27.00.

Lingfield Park
Going: standard
12.10 (6f) 1, Rome To Nome (G Duffield, 12-1); 2, Logie (33-1); 3, Friendly Lady (20-1). Crystal Gift 6-4 jt-fav. 12 ran. 2l, hd. J Berry. Tote: £26.10; £4.90, £22.20, £6.50. DF: £541.70. CSF: £297.89.
12.40 (6f) 1, Double Splendour (P McCabe, 6-1); 2, Pat Poindestres (5-2 fav); 3, Featherstone Lane (4-1). 10 ran. Nk, 1¾l. P Felgate. Tote: £5.80; £1.60, £1.60, £3.10. DF: £20.60. Trio: £19.60. CSF: £21.14. Tricast: £63.17.
1.10 (1m 4f) 1, Carlton Express (Miss Diana Jones, 9-2); 2, Kenyatta (33-1); 3, Beautete (6-1). Strat's Legacy 9-4 fav. 14 ran. 1¼l, 2l. J Eyre. Tote: £5.00; £1.60, £12.00, £1.50. DF: £82.30. Trio: £160.20. CSF: £127.99. Tricast: £848.29.
1.40 (7f) 1, Mediate (T Williams, 6-1); 2, No Pattern (9-2); 3, Hever Golf Lady (14-1). Charlie Sillett 13-8 fav. 9 ran. 5l, 2½l. R Hannon. Tote: £9.20; £1.90, £1.90, £2.50. DF: £26.30. Trio: £84.30. CSF: £48.30. Tricast: £525.18.
2.10 (6f) 1, Shot The Sheriff (T Quinn, 11-8 fav); 2, Taylord (4-1); 3, Kreef (33-1). 11 ran. Sh hd, nk. P Cole. Tote: £2.30; £1.60, £1.60, £3.20. DF: £4.20. CSF: £7.18.
2.40 (2m) 1, Stalled (R Cochrane, 5-1); 2, Pride Of Britain (15-8 fav); 3, Bo Knows Best (11-4). 14 ran. 2½l, 3l. P Walwyn. Tote: £7.30; £2.50, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £8.60. CSF: £15.80.
3.10 (6f) 1, Speedy Classic (W Woods, 6-4 fav); 2, Nineacres (8-1); 3, Joint Effort (9-1). 9 ran. Hd, 3l. M Heaton-Ellis. Tote: £2.30; £1.60, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £5.10. Trio: £18.10. CSF: £15.01. Tricast: £83.37.
3.40 (7f) 1, Dancing Lawyer (B Doyle, 6-1); 2, Rad (14-1); 3, Sharp Imp (13-2); 4, Eastleigh (20-1). Milos 4-1 fav. 18 ran. 3½l, ¾l. B Meehan. Tote: £12.10; £2.10, £1.20, £2.20, £4.80. DF: £222.90. Trio: £176.60. CSF: £89.01. Tricast: £529.52.
Placepot: £5,764.00. Quadpot: £27.30.

Face of glamour looking for recognition from sporting audience

Belle of the ball craves new elevation

Gareth A. Davies on the hopes of a leading exponent of beach volleyball before its Olympic debut

Gabrielle Reece is a model. She is a television personality. She is a sportswoman. And, as the worlds of sport and fashion collide, she might just be the face of the future.

Elle magazine once described this 24-year-old American as "one of the five most beautiful women in the world" and at 6ft 3in she had no difficulty attracting attention in London this week. Some might even have recognised the face of the MTV satellite channel's sports presenter.

But Reece wants to be recognised as a sportswoman. After a college career as a volleyball player, she is now both figurehead and captain for Team Nike in their seasonal battles in the West Coast's Bud Pro Light Beach Volleyball Tour, the premier fours tournament in the United States. She led the statistics for kills and blocks in the past two seasons and in her first season was voted most-valuable player on the tour circuit.

To most people beach volleyball is still a game played casually on the sand, but in Atlanta, in 1996, it will be an Olympic sport for the first time. The commercial possibilities of a sport featuring teams of bronzed, scantily clad athletes have not escaped the sports clothes manufacturers.

Reece was in London promoting her named brand of Nike cross-training shoe, making the usual rounds of television and radio calls.

"I'll tell you how it works," Reece said. "I got into Nike because I'm a good volleyball player but also because of my ability to appeal to the consumer. People are fascinated with fashion, for some unknown reason. Fashion is now Hollywoodised and so people see it as cool that I play volleyball. But two years ago, when I signed with Nike, that wasn't really the draw. And I was aware of that. So I get in the door and it is up to me what I do with it. But the fact is, I have had a lot of success on the beach as a *player*.

"As people realise that I'm serious about this, that line of the fashion thing gets a little fuzzier, and that athletic line gets a little bit more defined."

Reece was a successful model, as *Elle*'s 1989 commendation will testify, but she never quite qualified for the supermodel class. "I wasn't Claudia Schiffer," she admitted. "Now, all of a sudden, because of the volleyball success and my evolution as a sports figure, I'm Gabrielle Reece, 'supermodel'.

"Most professional athletes have a gift; even if they have to be finely tuned, it's a gift. I have a gift as an athlete. And I'm big. I'm going to be 25 in January, and you start to grow into who you are and what you believe and you stop apologising for it. That's why I work really hard, train really hard, so I don't have to say sorry, and that's why I beat people. It's in the numbers, it's on paper."



Reece tops the bill for Team Nike in the United States

Beach volleyball for pairs will be making its Olympic debut in Atlanta, with those countries ranked in the top 16 likely to qualify. The leading Great Britain pair, Audrey Cooper and Amanda Glover, having finished thirteenth at the World Series in Santos, Brazil, two weeks ago, are on course for qualification, but the leading Americans, Karolyn Kirby and Liz Masakyas, remain favourites to take the first Olympic title.

Yet despite national television coverage of beach foursomes in the United States, Reece agreed that the game was still regarded as "a backyard sport" and largely inaccessible to the masses waiting to rip off their clothes and muscle in on the beach. "Beach volleyball is seen as being for Floridians, Californians, Brazilians and Australians," Reece said. "It is not meant for Chicago. But fours is growing. It is a power game. Everyone in my position this year was my height. It's a big-woman's game. There is only one small player, the setter. It involves a lot of defence, blocking and real big hitting.

"It is going to be a key time for the sport in 1996, with it being the Olympics. If the people running it don't realise that it is a business, they are going to kill it. It's going to have been a trend that came and went. Like fashion, you have to get people to see what you want them to see. I'm committed to helping my sport to grow so that when I am out and done, young women can come in and play the sport professionally.

"A year ago, I said to my agent that modelling is finished. I'm now a female athlete-personality. I don't want to confuse people as to my role. If I do the cover of a magazine, it's as Gabrielle Reece, it's not as a nameless, faceless model. But the main thing is beach volleyball. All the rest is just fun. Volleyball is the foundation, and it is why I am where I am."

MARC ASPLAND



Reece, a model and television personality, is leaning towards a career in sport

Fighting the flab together

Magic Moments. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

Great movements often have small beginnings. Only three people turned up at a village hall when Weight Watchers extended their anti-flab mission from America to Britain in the 1960s. When the missionaries reached Manchester, 3,000 people greeted them. The *Sunday Express* rejoiced: "Thank God! Now fat people can bore each other instead of the rest of us." Nigel Fountain's charting of the pound-shedders' progress reveals some impressive statistics (7lb lost in six weeks). He also explains that when the slimming craze gave way to fitness madness, public resistance was negligible. One woman refused to use her fitness video because the demonstrator reminded her of Mrs Thatcher.

Variety Lives. *Radio 2, 8.45pm.*

Patient to doctor: "Can you give me something for the wind?" Doctor to patient: "Here's a kite." The joke does not sparkle as much now as it did 60 years ago. But the stand-up comic George Williams, at 84, is still using it and, what is more, he is still getting the laughs. He is said to be Britain's oldest, still-active comedian. I expect the claim will be challenged (letters, please, not to me but to Broadcasting House in London). What seems certain is that no other comedian can boast that, after 70 years in the laughter business, he still uses the catchphrase that made him famous. Spoken mournfully, with whited-out face, it is: "I'm not well."

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes with the Early Breakfast Show **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo from the opening of the Clothes Show Live exhibition **12.00** Emma Freud with the Lunchtime Show, including the chance to test the Newsbeat team in Open to Question, and, at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Goodier, including Superman: Doomsday and beyond **4.00** Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including at **5.30** Newsbeat **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel: featuring Courtney Love and Hole **1.00am** *Mark Tonderai*

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **8.45** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, including at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Scoop! Derek Jameson tells the story of Handel's life **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Variety Lives: See Choice **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Iain Anderson with the Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00** Charles Nove with Night Ride

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00 Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.35** Euronews **11.00** News; Actuality: documentary about life in Britain **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** sport **7.35** Alan Green's Sportstalk **9.05** Now the Good News **10.05** Stop Press **10.35** Financial Week **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight, with Heather Payton **12.05am** After Hours, with Richard Evans **2.05** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf **7.30** Teenagers **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** On the Move **9.45** Sports **10.00** News **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** Megaphones to Microphones **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Teenagers **12.45** Sports **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.09** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sports **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Multitrack **12.00** News **12.15** Family Affair **12.30** From the Weeklies **12.45** The Learning World **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Worldbrief **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.15** Sports **3.30** Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Paganini **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: Mozart **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Nick Abbot **10.00** N.J. Williams **2.00-6.00am** Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Biber (Partita No 3 in A; Harmonia artificioso-ariosa); Geoffrey Bush (Air and Round-O; Homage to Matthew Locke); Dvořák (Rhapsody, Op 14); Ravel (La Valse); Verdi (Pace, pace . . ., La Forza del Destino); Mozart (Violin Concerto No 3 in G)
9.00 Composer of the week: Gluck (Iphigénie en Tauride; Echo et Narcisse)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Rossini (Overture: Il Barbiere di Siviglia); Rachmaninov (Salvation hath come, Vespers); Stravinsky (Octet); Bach (English Suite No 6 in D minor); Weill (It never was you; Recordare); **11.25** *Artist of the Week*: Carlos Kleiber, conductor. Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A: Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra)
12.00 Voices: Heaven and Hell. With Iain Burnside (r)
1.00pm Mendelssohn Plus: Jamie McDougall, tenor, and Roger Vignoles, piano, present a programme of Heine and Eichendorff settings by Mendelssohn, Schumann and Wolf
2.00 Schools: Music Course One — The Starcatcher **2.15** Together Stories **2.30** Dance Workshop **2.50** Poetry Corner
3.00 BBC Philharmonic under Vassily Sinaisky, with Mikhail Rudy, piano. Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 2); Boris Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 2, 1967)
4.30 South Indian Temple Music: Singer and ethnomusicologist Durga Swaminatha performs devotional hymns to Shiva and Vishnu
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson talks to the composer Elizabeth Parker
5.15 In Tune, with Richard Baker
7.45 Ulster Orchestra, live from the Ulster Hall, Belfast, with Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano. Vernon Handley conducts Lutoslawski (Overture for strings); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 1 in F sharp minor); **8.25** John Spurling asks why Anthony Hope, the author of *The Prisoner of Zenda*, has been forgotten (r). **8.45** Sibelius (Symphony No 2 in D)
9.35 Are You Still Awake? Last in the series of plays by Russell Davies, set in bed. An MP steals away from an overnight sitting to pop back to his flat in Dolphin Square. With Diana Quick and Bill Nighy
9.50 Magnificat by Lassus, based on the madrigal *Anchor che col partire* by Cipriano de Rore (Tallis Scholars)
10.00 Gainsborough Quartet: Haydn (Quartet in G, Op 64 No 4; Quartet in D, Op 71 No 2) (r)
10.45 Friday Feature: Harrison Birtwistle at 60 — The Mask of Orpheus. Stephen Plaistow explores the relationship between music, drama and ritual in Birtwistle's work, and his continuing fascination with ancient Greek drama
11.30-12.30am Midnight Oil: A new work, *Slow Lorries Merging* by Jane Gardner; *Kneeling Dance* by Kevin Volans; and *Face So Pale* by David Lang

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day, with the Rev Johnston McKay **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.45** *Thought for the Day* **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the painter Sir Howard Hodgkin (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 News; Magic Moments (FM only): Are You Ready to Work Out? See Choice
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Hindu Scriptures (LW only): Stories from the Hindu tradition (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Ruth Wishart
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme: Malt whisky and scotch **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Tusitala — The Teller of Tales: Kidnapped. First of a four-part dramatisation of R.L. Stevenson's classic novel of adventure and friendship. In 1751, Scotland is in political turmoil following the Jacobite rebellion. Young David Balfour makes his way to Edinburgh where his adventures begin
3.00 News; Anderson Country
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews two exhibitions by Paula Rego
4.45 Short Story: The Pink Shoes, written and narrated by Christopher Hope
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Ken Morley (*Reg Holdsworth in Coronation Street*) visits the Leyland Commercial Vehicle museum
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Christopher Serle presents his selection of extracts from the past seven days of BBC radio and television
8.05 Any Questions? Gordon Brown, MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer; Archy Kirkwood, MP, Liberal Democrat Chief Whip; Sir Michael Hirst, chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party; and Magnus Linklater, journalist, are in Aberdeen
8.50 Law in Action
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Leonard Cohen reflects on his musical career (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Poor Things. Jimmy Chisholm reads the fifth of a ten-part adaptation of Alasdair Gray's gothic romance
11.00 Week Ending: With Sally Grace, Jeffrey Holland, Toby Longworth and Joanna Monro
11.25 Tea Junction: Patrick Hannan and guests look at the events of the past week
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW)

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Woodhall has WBO champion in sight

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

RICHIE Woodhall, the Commonwealth middleweight champion, from Telford, could be challenging for a world title in the new year. After his victory in the eleventh round over Art Serwano, of Uganda, on Wednesday at Wolverhampton, Micky Duff, Woodhall's manager, said he would seek a bout with Steve Collins, of Ireland, the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) champion.

Duff said that Woodhall would be ready to challenge for any of the world championships in a year's time, after he had had perhaps six more bouts, but, so far as Collins was concerned, he would be happy for Woodhall to take on the champion after winning the European title. Duff not only thinks Collins's style is made for an upright boxer like Woodhall, but the Telford man's handspeed and quickness about the ring would be too much for the Irishman.

Woodhall is not ranked by the WBO, but, if he beats Silvio Branco, of Italy, to lift the vacant European title in January or February, he would move into Branco's No 3 position on the WBO list.

Another likely opponent for Woodhall before Collins could be Chris Pyatt, of Leicester. Pyatt would be a good test, since Collins took his title from him.

Duff considered Woodhall's performance against Serwano as his best. Woodhall did not lose a round.

"Remember, he [Woodhall] has had only 18 fights," Duff said. "He has a rare ability of being able to lift the pace when the other guy is tired in the later rounds."

Woodhall, who won a bronze medal in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, losing to Roy Jones Jr, of the United States, now the International Boxing Federation super-middleweight champion, in the semi-finals, remained suitably modest. "I'm still learning," he said.

Main well clear of chief rival for title

BY JOHN HENNESSY

THE expected tussle between the two big guns of British women's ice skating was virtually killed off in the short programme yesterday in the People's Phone British championships on Humberside.

Stephanie Main, the holder, has duly taken her place at the head of the parade, but Emma Warmington, ranked second, languishes a crippling distance behind in fourth place.

It was a curious result, since three of the seven judges placed Warmington second, whereas the four others had her in fourth position, behind two 14-year-old skaters from Swindon, Jenna Arrowsmith and Zoe Jones, both coached by Lesley Pearce.

Main won by default last year, after the withdrawal of Charlene Von Saher, whose dual citizenship has taken her back into the arms of the United States, suddenly denuded of high-class women skaters. This time, however, Main was a convincing winner, with all the elements cleanly accomplished. Her jump combination included an excellent triple toe loop, and the obligatory double axel was under complete control.

She had a second triple, a salchow, up her sleeve but decided on the ice to replace it with a double flip, so confident was she that she had done enough for her immediate purpose.

The unexpected intervention of Pearce's young pretenders saddles Warmington with two points compared with Main's 0.5 (small is best in this instance), which means that Warmington, if she still hopes to take the title, must not only beat Main, but also rely on another skater doing likewise. It is an unlikely prospect.

Warmington made one small error, almost losing a deep edge at an innocuous passage of her programme, but she accomplished the same range of jumps as Main, and excelled particularly with spins, until the end, when she seemed to run out of steam. Overall, she lacked Main's polish.

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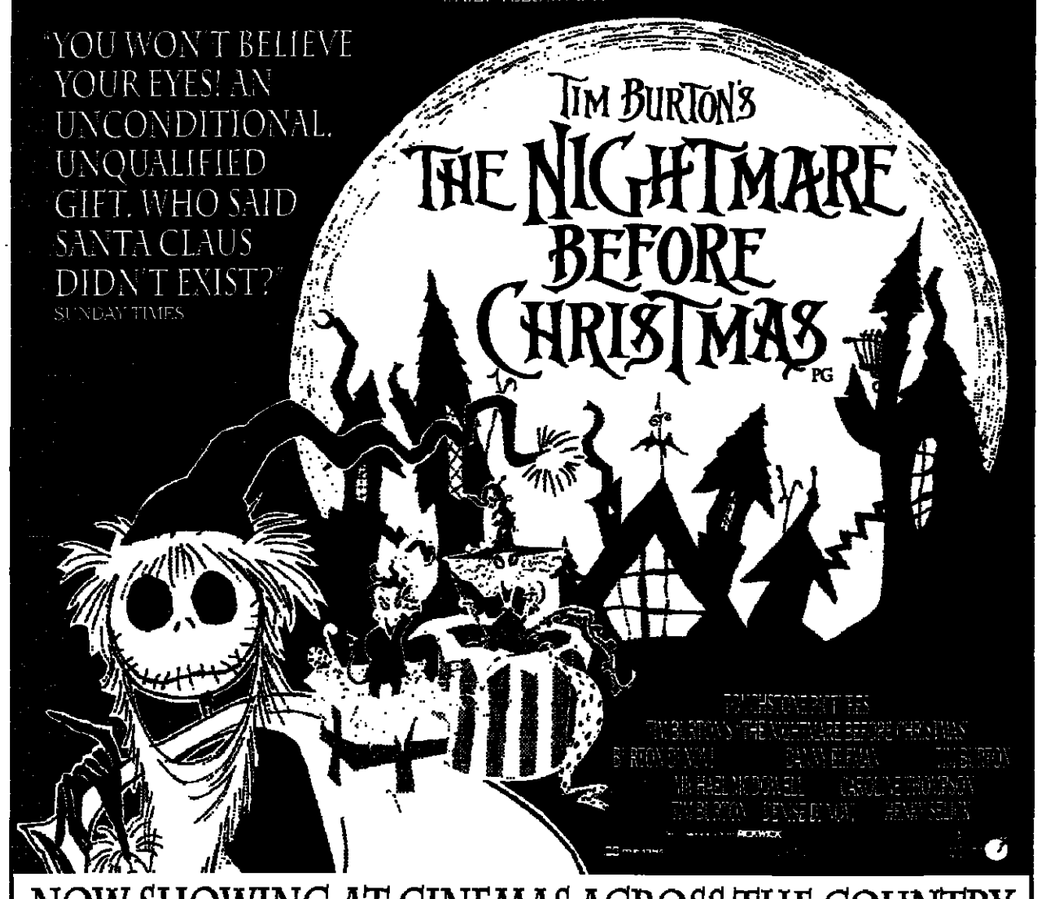
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Documentary evidence of a serious nature

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

There is a television channel that shows only documentaries. It's called Discovery. There is another television channel that doesn't show only documentaries — it just feels like it. It's called Channel 4.

No, no, Mr Grade, I jest. But not a lot. For the prime 9pm slot is definitely documentary time on Channel 4. On Monday it's *Cutting Edge*, Tuesday *Without Walls*, Wednesday brings *Dispatches* and Thursday *Witness*. Whatever that arch-scheduler Michael Grade is up to, no one can dispute his commitment to minority broadcasting.

All very good news for the nation's documentary makers, I have no doubt. Whether it's the best possible use of the evening for the only channel fortunate to have its main news over by 8pm, I'm less sure. Certainly, it does few favours to the makers of *Film on Four*, whose generally high-class offerings currently get under way at 10pm on Tuesday. And for the viewer, even for the committed documentary watcher, this abundance of factual programming is proving a mixed bag. Some, such as *The Nick*, have been superb and, quite rightly, popular successes. Others have been matters of supreme indifference. Last night's **Witness: Valkenberg** was somewhere in-between.

The great injustice in South Africa is thankfully long over, but there's still something about the mention of the country and the words mental institution in the same sentence that will have sent right-thinking liberals rushing for their remote controls. But they were in for a disappointment. Was Cape Town's 1,000-patient psychiatric hospital still secretly practising ward apartheid? It was not.

"How do you feel about being the only white guy in this building?" they asked an inmate of the depressing block where people judged unfit to stand trial are sent for a decidedly indefinite period. "I don't feel any different from the other guys — I'm a patient like them."

True, none of the white consultants spoke Xhosa, but some were learning. Attempts were also being made to understand more fully the Xhosa belief that mental illness involves the possession of the mind by ancestral spirits, *amafufunyana*. "Amafufunyana does real things to people," explained one psychiatrist, "whether or not there are spirits I can't say, but it is real in so far as that person is having that experience."

The average stay at Valkenberg is three to four weeks, but for the most serious cases care out of the community is still judged best. "The most acutely ill are confined in locked wards until they are judged no longer to be a danger to others." Now there's a radical thought for Mrs Bottomley.

Labouring under a dead-pan narration, Adam Low's film did have its moments of humour. I particularly liked the psychiatrist who announced: "Some people believe in schizo-effective disorders and some people don't — there are two schools of thought." Laughing at the psychiatrists is one thing, laughing at patients is quite another. So there was something just a little disturbing about the film crew going in search of the woman who had earlier proclaimed she was the Queen's daughter — "now Anne's divorced". They caught up with her in time to hear her ask a fellow patient whether he wanted "to be Prince Charles again". Were there other famous people in the hospital, the interviewer inquired. "Oh yes," she said with absolute certainty, "all the world leaders are here." I just hope she spotted a gullible film crew coming.

There was a similar, but far more unsettling, voyeuristic quality to **Forbidden Britain: Sexual Abuse** (BBC 2). Given that one of the points the film made strongly was that remembering what happened was almost as painful as the abuse itself, you were left wondering why these women (and one man) were reliving the experience for the cameras. Zoë Wanamaker's sympathetic narration offered an explanation: "It is only through accounts like these that the history of sexual abuse can be properly researched." I still felt like an intruder, the uninvited guest at a private confession.

Inter-cut with what at times seemed deliberately and curiously provocative black and white images of childhoods past, the interviews were powerful testimony to the prolonged damage that abuse inflicts long after the physical pain has faded. Maud Wood, a wonderfully engaging Yorkshirewoman, was abused as a child in Bradford in the 1920s. She'd had, she told us, three breakdowns — the last when she was 68. "They were like living in a grey sunlight."

I don't know where my colleague Lynne Truss has gone for her holiday, but of one thing I am certain — somewhere out there, she's singing the theme to **Crocodile Shoes** (BBC 1). In her absence, it falls to me to reflect on the latest goings-on of that Geordie hillbilly, Jed Shepperd.

In last night's episode the wisdom of Jimmy Nail's decision to write, produce and star in his own creation became abundantly clear. Not only did he get to fly to New York and to Nashville, he also got to ride a Harley Davidson. Next week, presumably, he has a chance meeting with Michelle Pfeiffer and borrows her Ferrari.

It also demonstrated just how clever it was of Nail to set the series in the music business, where the most excruciating dialogue can be justified on the grounds of historical veracity. I'm quite sure there are music executives who go round saying things like, "Don't bite the hand that feeds you, Marty — ciao", or: "It took you 29 seconds to get up here, it took me 14 years." I'm just glad I haven't met any.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (51579)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (29352289)

9.05 Kilroy Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on a topical subject (s) (8288550)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9351482) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick** Weekday magazine (s) (46210579)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6735163) **12.05 Pebble Mill** presented by Gloria Hunniford (s) (6695550) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (14853024)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (55734)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (35036666) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** hosted by Philip Hayton (s) (35030482)

2.15 Holiday (r). (Ceefax) (s) (695173) **2.45 The Flying Doctors** Australian medical drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (6807444)

3.30 Popeye Double Bill (2338821) **3.45 TVK** Viewers' musical questions answered (s) (2333376) **4.00 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (5454482) **4.05 Get Your Own Back** (s) (4532840) **4.30 Record Breakers**. (Ceefax) (s) (8666753)

4.55 Newsround (4257482) **5.05 Byker Grove**. Children's drama set in and around a youth centre. (Ceefax) (s) (1342799)

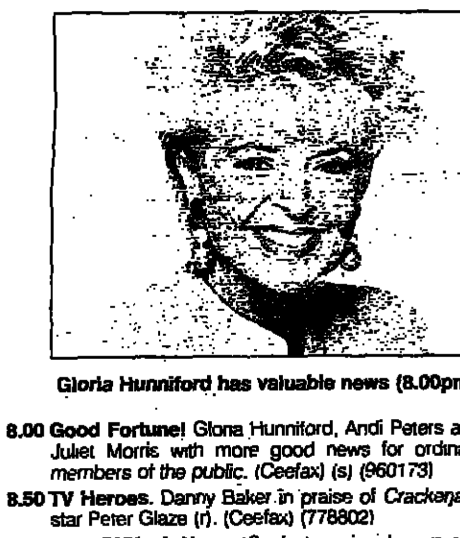
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (801598)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (89)

6.30 Regional news magazines (69)

7.00 NEW **The World's Strongest Man**. The first of four heats from Sun City. (Ceefax) (7289)

7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes news of a system to minimise the risk of flashover — the fear of every fire-fighter. (Ceefax) (s) (53)



Gloria Hunniford has valuable news (8.00pm)

8.00 Good Fortune! Gloria Hunniford, Andi Peters and Juliet Morris with more good news for ordinary members of the public. (Ceefax) (s) (960173)

8.50 TV Heroes. Danny Baker in praise of *Crackerjack* star Peter Glaze (r). (Ceefax) (778802)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1840)

9.30 Harry Enfield and Chums. Comedy characters (Ceefax) (s) (41482)

10.00 Crimewatch UK presented by Nick Ross and Sue Cook. (Ceefax) (s) (460685)

10.50 FILM: She'll Take Romance (1990) starring Linda Evans and Tom Skerritt. A comedy about a television weather woman who is cajoled into judging a "Romantic Man" contest. Directed by Piers Haggard. Continues at 11.45 (424918). **Wales:** Between Ourselves 11.15 Film: She'll Take Romance 1.00-2.35 Film: Dr Terror' House of Horror

11.40 Crimewatch UK Update. (Ceefax) (s) (761956)

11.50 FILM: She'll Take Romance continued (251444)

12.35am FILM: Dr Terror's House of Horror (1964) starring Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee. Chiller about a doctor telling the fortunes of five men on a train. Directed by Freddie Francis (8547593)

2.05 Weather (7668067)

BBC2

7.00 Crystal Tipps and Alistair (r) (4532937) **7.05 Barney** (r) (4531208) **7.10 Thundercats** (r) (9580192) **7.30 Blue Peter** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (66840)

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (9964666) **8.15 The Record** A report on yesterday's business in Parliament (4352802) **8.35 Crawl into My Parlour** A film about predatory spiders (9051579)

9.00 Daytime on Two Educational programmes Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (5642956) **2.00** Fireman Sam (16773918)

2.10 Sport on Friday introduced by Helen Rollason *Skating: the People's Phone British championships* from Humberside Ice Arena, and Triathlon, the world championship from Wellington, New Zealand (s). Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** (752482) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (4396005)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (82)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Recipe show (s) (66)

5.00 Esther. Studio discussion series (8395)

5.30 All in the Mind. Lateral thought and logic quiz show hosted by Alison Holloway (18)

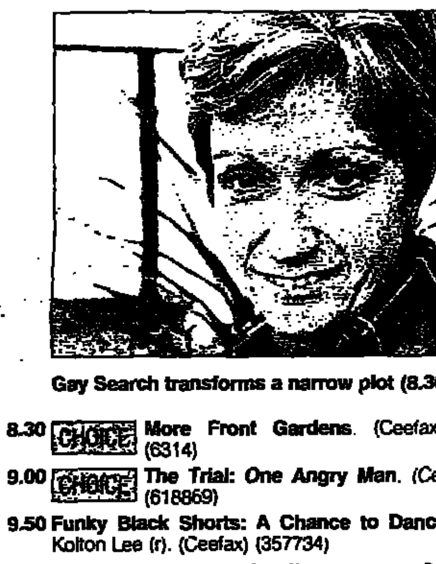
6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (r). (Ceefax) (145685)

6.25 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). Vintage private detective series Cope (r) (913444)

7.15 The O-Zone. Pop music (s) (984956)

7.30 Sounds of the Sixties (r) (95)

8.00 Public Eye. John McGhie reports on Britain's hard-drinking soldiers abroad. (Ceefax) (4579)



Gay Search transforms a narrow plot (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **More Front Gardens**. (Ceefax) (s) (6314)

9.00 CHOICE **The Trial: One Angry Man**. (Ceefax) (618869)

9.50 Funky Black Shorts: A Chance to Dance, by Kolton Lee (r). (Ceefax) (357734)

10.00 Have I Got News for You. The guests are Glenda Jackson, MP, and Hattie Hayridge (s) (12482)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (784937)

11.15 Newman and Baddiel Rest in Pieces (r). (Ceefax) (s) (228550). **Wales:** Welsh Lobby 11.45 Newman and Baddiel 12.15am Larry Sanders Show 12.45 *The Fugitive* (b/w) 1.35-3.25 *Film:* Last Supper

11.45 The Larry Sanders Show. (Ceefax) (s) (124376) **12.10am Weather** (3882864)

12.15 The Fugitive (b/w) (r). (Ceefax) (1057135)

1.05 FILM: The Last Supper (1976) starring Nelson Villagra. Cuban drama about the slaves of a rich plantation owner who revolt against his brutal overseer. Directed by Tomas Gutierrez Alea. In Spanish with English subtitles (598628). Ends **3.00**

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CHOICE

More Front Gardens: The Long, Thin Garden
BBC2, 8.30pm

The before and after format is always a winner whether it is applied to hairdos, fashion makeovers or, in this case, front gardens. Gay Search's last series on the same theme proved a hit with viewers and this one has much the same ingredients. A corner garden, a sloping garden and a communal garden will be tackled during the series, but tonight's problem plot is long and thin with an ugly concrete drive making it look even narrower. Past solutions have sometimes *been too stark for my taste* — lawns always seem to get dug up in favour of gravel — but designer Jean Goldberry does well here, swinging the drive across *the garden and creating secluded areas for sitting out.* The result is verdant and cottagey, though the price, estimated at between £6 and 8,000, is daunting.

The Trial: One Angry Man
BBC2, 9.00pm

This pioneering series presenting coverage of High Court cases in Scotland offers the fascination of jury service without the worry or responsibility. Tonight's programme looks at the work of George More, a successful Edinburgh criminal defence lawyer with a reputation for being outspoken. His staff find him difficult to work for, but his clients often have reason to thank him, even if he does dismiss most criminals as "feckless, inadequate people". The cameras follow him into the courtroom where he defends an alleged shoplifter and a man who has been involved in a fracas with police. We also see More's 25-year-old protégé Murdo MacLeod doing his best to defend a man who sped up the wrong side of the road killing another driver in the process.



A tearful Edna waits for the removal men (C4, 8.00pm)

Short Stories: Moving Edna
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Moving house, we are always told, is one of the most *stressful things you can do. In this* poignant film, we see just how upsetting it is for Edna, the woman moving, and how mundane it is for Roger and Matthew, the removal men she has employed. Edna is having to sell up after the failure of her marriage and her husband's business. Her new home is a stone's throw away but smaller and definitely a come down. "Look at it as a challenge," she tells her teenage sons with desperate brightness as they survey the rooms. As wet-eyed Edna bemoans the fact that the past owners have walked out with the toilet roll, the removal men look forward to a night at the boozer. Will Matthew be able to down a pint in three seconds?

Red Hot + Cool
Channel 4, 12.15am

This gig aiming to spread awareness of Aids and raise money for sufferers, brings together the best of bebop and hiphop in a line-up that is full of hybrid vigour. Highlights include Senegal's MC Solaar performing with veteran jazz man Ron Carter on slap bass; the Last Poets with former Coltrane sideman Pharoah Sanders on saxophone; and the Pharcyde with funky bop trumpeter Donald Byrd. The concert was filmed at a New York club earlier in the year and in between the performances there are interviews with artists and with black New Yorkers who offer a host of conspiracy theories about Aids. **Stephanie Billen**

CARLTON/LWT

6.00am GMTV (6479956)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep Dale Winton hosts the trolley-dashing shopping quiz (s) (8772208) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) (5629005)

10.00 The Time... the Place presented by John Stapleton (s) (7794482)

10.35 This Morning (56657024) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5891617)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (8553869)

12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (8521260)

1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (53922376)

1.55 The Chrystal Rose Show. Are the macho man's days really numbered, or are things much the same as ever? (s) (80463005)

2.25 A Country Practice Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (s) (92660685) **2.50 Take the High Road**. Scottish drama (2931127)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6021685) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6020956)

3.30 The Magic House (r) (s) (2330289) **3.45 The Spooks of Bottle Bay** (s) (2328444) **4.00 Avenger Penguins** (s) (4535937) **4.25 Taz-Mania** (r) (s) (2006840) **4.40 Virtually Impossible** (s) (8741482)

5.10 After 5 presented by Caron Keating. (Teletext) (4497668)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (126444)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (132111)

6.25 London Tonight (Teletext) (539531)

7.00 Catchphrase with Roy Walker (Teletext) (s) (5685)

7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (21)

8.00 The Bill: King of the Hill. Boyden injures his leg when chasing a youth in a derelict factory. (Teletext) (1005)

8.30 Strange but True? As Christmas approaches, Michael Aspel investigates the existence of guardian angels. (Teletext) (s) (3840)



Simon Shepherd, Jacqueline Leonard (9.00pm)

9.00 Peak Practice. Marriage difficulties for Will and Sarah Preston. Starring Simon Shepherd and Jacqueline Leonard (r). (Teletext) (s) (3173)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (16208)

10.30 FILM: The Take (1989) starring Ray Sharkey and Lisa Harman. When a former policeman is released from a four-year prison sentence he is determined to redeem himself and mend his shattered life. Directed by Leon Ichaso (55846444)

12.20am London Tonight and weather (2144883)

12.30 Bruce Eats the Big Apple. Andrew Neil helps Bruce Burgess find the best places to eat and drink in New York (87113)

1.30 Whale On (s) (73777)

2.30 The Chart Show (s) (61406)

3.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (32116)

4.00 Noisy Mothers. Rock and heavy metal music magazine (s) (85703)

5.00 Best of British Motor Sport (50932)

5.30 ITN Morning News (57796). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (7644289)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (78685)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (26685)

9.30 Schools: Eureka! (5386918) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (5374173) **10.00** Fourways Farm (9335444) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (2715579) **10.25** The Technology Programme (2703734) **10.40** Off Limits (2495395) **11.05** Schools at Work (1837096) **11.11** Time for Maths (2487821) **11.22** Stage One (2407685) **11.40** How We Used to Live (s) (7738260)

12.00 Profiles of Nature: The Canada Goose. Wildlife cameraman William Garrick films the development of a Canada goose from birth to maturity (r) (47591)

12.30 Sesame Street The guest is Robin Williams (60734) **1.30 The Bluffers** (r) (53227)

2.00 FILM: A Pair of Briefs (1962, b/w) starring Michael Craig and Mary Peach. A comedy about the British legal system in which two barristers from the same chambers are on different sides in a bizarre divorce wrangle. Naturally, they fall in love. Directed by Ralph Thomas. (Teletext) (758666)

3.40 The Thrill of it All. A look at the country's best fairground rides, filmed at speed in both night and day. Followed by **The Rink**. A short directed by Gilles Carle (5606840)

4.00 Travelog. Reports from Andalucia and Galicia (r). (Teletext) (s) (50)

4.30 Fifteen To One Fast-moving knock-out general knowledge quiz, presented by William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (34)

5.00 Cutting Edge: Glasshouse (r). (Teletext) (s) (2598)

6.00 Blossom. Los Angeles-based teen comedy (r) (s) (27)

6.30 Moviewatch presented by Johnny Vaughan and Sally Grey. Filmgoers in Nottingham comment on the latest releases (s) (79)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (312111)

7.50 Belfast Lessons from students of Hazelwood College (569821)

8.00 CHOICE **Short Stories: Moving Edna** (Teletext) (s) (9647)

8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (1482)

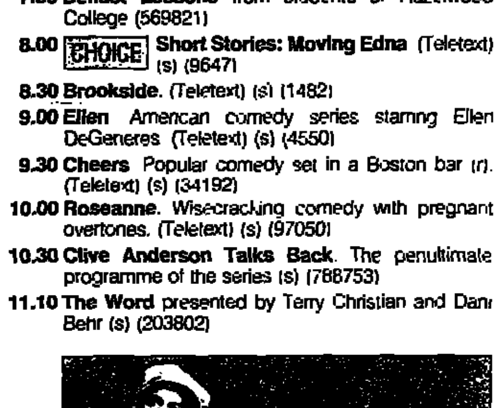
9.00 Ellen American comedy series starring Ellen DeGeneres (Teletext) (s) (4550)

9.30 Cheers Popular comedy set in a Boston bar (r). (Teletext) (s) (34192)

10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking comedy with pregnant overtones. (Teletext) (s) (97050)

10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. The penultimate programme of the series (s) (788753)

11.10 The Word presented by Terry Christian and Dani Behr (s) (203802)



Aids gig with the Digable Planets (12.15am)

12.15 CHOICE **Red Hot + Cool** (8901086)

1.25 FILM: Small Time (1990, b/w) starring Richard Barboza and Carolyn Kinebrew. Drama about the life of a Harlem petty crook, seen from both sides of the law. Directed by Norman Loftis (75135) Ends **2.55**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (5629005) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (5891617) **1.55** The Young Doctors (35024821) **2.20** Heaven and Home (92652666) **2.50-3.20** Good Advice (2931127) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (6020956) **5.10-5.40** Weekend (4497668) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (539531) **10.30** Anglia News (274685) **10.40** Last Rites (86085376) **12.40am** Hell Night (951048) **2.25** Whale On (5623661) **3.25** Noisy Mothers (7285425) **4.20** Night Shift (40190116) **4.30-5.30** The New Music (35208)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (5629005) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (5891617) **1.55** A Country Practice (35024821) **2.20** The Masters of Beauty (92652666) **2.50-3.20** Travel Trails (2931127) **3.25-3.30** Central News (6020956) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (4497668) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (539531) **10.30** Central News and Weather (274685) **10.40** Central Weekend (5681289) **12.10am** Kojak (2524864) **1.10** Whale On (7894951) **2.10** The Big E (5644154) **3.05** Noisy Mothers (7285681) **4.00** Jobfinder (7085832) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9186116)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 ITN News Headlines (5629005) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (5891617) **1.55** Take the High Road (80463005) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (3209463) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (6020956) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (4497668) **5.55** Home and Away (820482) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (539531) **10.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (274685) **10.40** The Hot Touch (86085376) **12.40am** Hell Night (951048) **2.25** Whale On (7386425) **3.15** Noisy Mothers (7855951) **4.20** Night Shift (40190116) **4.30-5.30** The New Music (35208)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 12.20pm-12.30 HTV News (5891617) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (6020956) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (539531) **10.30** HTV News (274685) **10.40** The Mal Pope Show (141173) **11.40-12.40pm** Father Dowling Investigates (367444)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (5629005) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (5891617) **1.55** A Country Practice (35024821) **2.20** Take the High Road (92652666) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2931127) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4497668) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (31005) **10.40** Ski-Time (556685) **11.10** The Tenth Man (751550) **12.55am** Whale On (6255798) **1.55** Noisy Mothers (1725777) **2.55** The New Music (3386135) **4.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (53609) **4.30** America's Top Ten (88203) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (50932)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (35024821) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (3209840) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4497668) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (579024) **6.30-7.00** Flashback (37) **10.40** The Somme 1916 (556685) **11.10** Quatermass and the Pit (413753) **1.00am** Whale On (35715) **2.00** The Big E (5648970) **2.55** Twelve Plus One (591512) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (35208)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 Travel Trails (80463005) **2.25-2.55** Gardeners' Diary (92651937) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4497668) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (31005) **10.40** Child in the Night (86085376) **12.40am** Hell Night (951048) **2.25** Whale On (5623661) **3.25** Noisy Mothers (7285425) **4.20** Night Shift (40190116) **4.30-5.30** The New Music (35208)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (35024821) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (3209840) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4497668) **5.55** Calendar (579024) **6.30-7.00** Cryer's Crackers (37) **10.40** Married with Children (556685) **11.10** Quatermass and the Pit (413753) **1.00am** Whale On (35715) **2.00** The Big E (5648970) **2.55** Twelve Plus One (591512) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (35208)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (78685) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (26685) **9.30** Ysgolion (598043) **12.00pm** Profiles Of Nature: The Canada Goose (47591) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (54956) **1.00** Sesame Street (42111) **2.00** The President's Lady (494956) **3.50** Cow On The Frontier (4381173) **4.00** People First (50) **4.30** Boy Meets World (34) **5.00** 5 Pump (3463) **5.30** Fifteen To One (14) **6.00** Newyddion (227753) **6.20** Heno (552482) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3227) **7.30** Pelydr X (63) **8.00** Gwlad Moc (9647) **8.30** Newyddion (1482) **9.00** Pawb A'i Farn (963821) **9.45** Counter Culture (134666) **10.00** Brookside (97050) **10.30** Clive Anderson (788753) **11.10** The Word (203802) **12.15am** Red Hot And Cool (8901086) **1.30** In Your Face (75135)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (26937) **8.00** Power Rangers (3978686) **8.45** Cartoons (5281289) **9.30** Card Sharks (61260) **10.00** Concentration (1246314) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (7756395) **10.30** Candid Camera (31531) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (95376) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (55111) **12.30pm** E Street (72376) **1.00** Falcon Crest (60531) **2.00** Monte Carlo (61821) **3.00** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (3562840) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (5854208) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8078) **6.00** Gamesworld (9531) **6.30** Blockbusters (3111) **7.00** E Street (1647) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9395) **8.00** The Andrew Newton Hypnotic Experience (3145) **8.30** Coppers (9802) **9.00** Chicago Hope (18192) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (28579) **11.00** *Late Show with David Letterman* (553289) **11.45** WIOU (470111) **12.45am** Barney Miller (36883) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (33796)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

6.00am Sunrise (7465531) **9.30** Worldwide Report (81802) **10.30** ABC Nightline (39173) **1.30pm** CBS News (78840) **2.30** Parliament Live (23043) **3.30** This Week in the Lords (8289) **5.00** Live at Five (1260) **6.00** Littlejohn (35869) **9.30** *Financial Times* Reports (28531) **11.30** CBS News (50550) **12.30am** ABC News (7894680) **1.10** Littlejohn (7308970) **2.30** Parliament Replay (78425) **3.30** This Week in the Lords (71970) **4.30** CBS News (49222) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (97338)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (6875550) **10.00 Bushfire Moon** (1987) (78192) **12.00 Cold Turkey** (1971) (75024) **2.00pm Nurses on the Line** (1993) (65901) **4.00 Thicker than Blood** (1993) (8550) **6.00 Bushfire Moon** (1987). As 10am (22395) **8.00 The Super** (1991) (75173) **9.30 Unforgiven** (1992) (77098460) **11.40 Bruce and Shaolin Kung Fu** (142227) **1.10am The Super** (1991) As 8pm (9014390) **2.35-4.45 The Inner Circle** (1991) (60738512)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Call Northside 777 (1948) (84173) **8.00 Red Scorpion** (1989) (74550953) **9.50-12.00 Nevada Smith** (1966) (48672111)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Young People (1940) (9760802) **7.20 The Care Bears Movie** (1985): Animation (1271260) **8.40 Spiderman: Con Caper/Curse of Rava** (1978) (48147173) **10.20 The Arizonian** (1935) (3642482) **11.35 Can-Can** (1960) (58573647) **1.50pm The Man Who Never Was** (1956) (20388192) **3.35 Spiderman: Con Caper/Curse of Rava** (1978): As 8.40am (517531) **5.15 King Rat** (1965) (57559802) **7.30 The Movie Show** (2005) **8.00 Fade to Black** (1992) (38248753) **9.40 US Top Ten** (533192) **10.00 Ricochet** (1991) (360014) **11.45 Crisscross** (1991) (821043) **1.25am Fires Within** (1991) (3028593) **2.55 Mo' Money** (1992) (3941593) **4.25-6.00 The Arizonian** (1935) As 10.20am (975116)

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (4776111) **7.15** WWF Action Zone (425555) **8.15** Soccer News (7673821) **8.30** A to Z of Sport (91482) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (87395) **10.00** Rugby Union (84032) **10.30** ATP Tennis Magazine (57666) **11.00** Golf (9068821) **3.30pm** The Rugby Club (47482) **4.30** Windsurfing (2024) **5.00** NBA Action (5869) **5.30** Soccer Magazine (3376) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (66802) **7.00** FA Cup Second Round, live: Birmingham City v Bradford City or Scunthorpe Utd (981260) **10.00** Andy Gray's Bootroom (71685) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (58869) **12.00** Soccer Weekend (32425) **12.30-1.30am** Boots 'n' All (78086)

SKY SPORTS 2

6.00pm World Sport Special (3632598) **6.30** Tennis (3616550) **7.00** ATP Tennis (8634005) **9.00** Golf (2301444) **11.30-12.00** World Sport Special (4842666)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (46024) **8.00** Sailing (70289) **9.00** Eurofun (46173) **10.00** Tennis (97260) **10.30** Tennis (8901043) **5.00pm** Superbike (9444) **6.00** Skiing (61482) **7.30** News (8821) **8.00** Motorsports (43802) **9.00** Tennis (63666) **10.00** Wrestling (66753) **11.00** Golf (43937) **12.00** News (27593)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (1383208) **8.30** Peyton Place (1382579) **9.00** As the World Turns (6557598) **10.00** Guiding Light (8622260) **11.00-12.00** Another World (8642024)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Discover Your World (1386395) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (7945024) **1.00** Alaska Video (8646840) **1.30** Cooking in France (7944395) **2.00** Ski Perfect (4588647) **2.30** Round Trip — Sydney (3831869) **3.00** Discover Your World (4570482) **3.30** Mansion (3636314) **4.00** Travel Guide Review (3615821) **4.30** Kids Down Under (3611005) **5.00** Round Trip (4582227) **5.30-6.00** Cooking in France (3635685)



Unforgiven starring Clint Eastwood (Sky Movies, 9.30pm)

TLC

8.00am The Joy of Painting (3242173) **8.30** Simply Delicious Christmas (4135753) **10.00** Life Is For Living (8069550) **10.30** Only Human (7446289) **11.30** Learning Curve (6748647) **12.00** Are Mothers Really Necessary? (3262937) **12.30pm** Before The Law (4146289) **1.00** Simply Delicious Christmas (8469460) **1.30** Painting (4138840) **2.00** Parents Talking (6420579) **2.30** Discovering Psychology (4855840) **3.00** Gardens Without Borders (6432314) **3.30-4.00** The Secret Life of Machines (4867685)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (9714537) **7.30** Neighbours (3555682) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (3261208) **8.30** EastEnders (3260579) **9.00** The Bill (3244531) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (6730395) **10.30** Casualty (46425840) **11.35** The Sullivans (11847111) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2264395) **12.30pm** Neighbours (4148227) **1.00** EastEnders (1577338) **1.30** The Bill (4147598) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (6422937) **2.30** The River (4864598) **3.00** Knots Landing (6744821) **4.00** Dynasty (6763956) **5.00** Every Second Counts (8128753) **5.35** Top of the Pops: The 1970s (6233550) **6.55** Terry and June (6836444) **6.30** EastEnders (4856579) **7.00** Are You Being Served? (6426753) **7.30** Mornin' Sarge (4845463) **8.00** Rumpole of the Bailey (5868550) **9.00** Casualty (5688314) **10.00** The Bill (3265024) **10.30** Top of the Pops (7378717) **11.10** Carrott Confidential (4221937) **11.50** Dr Who: Time and the Rani (4681685) **12.20am** FILM: The Picture Show Man (1980) (3275680) **2.10** Shopping

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Ratkan III (7467260) **6.15** Clyde (223519) **6.45** Casper and Friends (178460) **7.15** Head to Head in 3D (3791395) **7.25** Garfield and Friends (7866289) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (2578260) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (3905937) **8.40** Titou (1869260) **8.50** Cocoonel (1885444) **9.00** It's Droibee Time (27245) **10.00** Paddington (40837) **11.00** Kitty Cats (80869) **11.30** Barney and Friends (81598) **12.00** Ratkan III (6953289) **12.05pm** Casper and Friends (2813918) **12.30** Head to Head in 3D (64987260) **12.40** Garfield and Friends (8581840) **1.10** You Can't Do That on Television (89867869) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (87093111) **1.50** Titou (87098395) **2.00** Barney and Friends (3289) **2.30** Care Bears (4260) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (8443111) **3.15** Bobby's World (677802) **3.45** Head to Head in 3D (9664096) **4.00** The Bots Master (8840) **4.30-5.00** Saved by the Bell (4024)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive! (4774753) **7.15** Grimmy (435753) **7.45** Rugrats (434024) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (7871463) **8.30** Sifmer and the Real Ghostbusters (7057376) **8.45** Nickalive! (7045531) **9.00** Nick Jr (521937) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (39260) **12.30pm** Rugrats (89753) **1.00** Doug (39734) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (86024) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (2531) **2.30** Smoggies (4442) **3.00** Nick Faves (1666) **3.30** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (2647) **4.00** Turtles Gold (4482) **4.30** Rugrats (4686) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (6111) **5.30** Doug (1918) **6.00** Grimmy (1531) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (5111)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Bush Tucker Man (4846192) **4.30** Year of the Storm (4842376) **5.00** The Power of Dreams (6423666) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5597573) **6.55** British Odd Bods (6632208) **7.50** Man Eaters of the Wild (6126937) **8.00** Deep Probe Expeditions (5668192) **9.00** The Secrets of Treasure Islands (6750482) **9.30** The Coral Reef (4126005) **10.00** High Five (3263666) **10.30** Ambulance! (3272314) **11.00-12.00** Wings of the Red Star (5219127)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Adam and Evelyne (1949) (8076840) **2.00** The Avengers (8064005) **3.00** My Three Sons (6429840) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (4864111) **4.00** FILM: Contraband Spain (1955) (5195395) **5.30** Drama Classics (4853482) **6.00** The Protectors (4850395) **6.30** Edgar Wallace (4858260) **7.30** Saber of London (4830531) **8.00** The Avengers (5660918) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (5673482) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Link (1986). A zoology student is menaced by a half-human chimpanzee (6738260)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (2506598) **7.00** Living Magazine (8104208) **8.00** OK2 Talk Feelings (1789260) **8.15** Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga (1702111) **8.30** The Truth About Women (2040918) **9.00** Floyd's American Pie (7501918) **9.35** Delirium (6395482) **10.00** Trivia Trap (8046685) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (2053482) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (8105192) **12.00** The Calendar Fashion Show (1653314) **12.35pm** Kilroy (9956869) **1.30** Going to Pot (7044289) **2.00** Agony Hour (9047314) **3.00** Living Magazine (7424666) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (17188314) **4.00** Infatuation UK (5434395) **4.30** Definition (18451192) **4.55** Foodwise (4501314) **5.30** Kate and Allie (5414531) **6.00** Material World (5411444) **6.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (5435024) **7.00** Living Magazine (9880208) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (9899956) **9.00** FILM: To Save a Child (1991) (47689208) **10.35** A Post Modern Romance (1473753) **11.00** The Susan Powter Show (1223840) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (9042889)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Adventures of Tintin (7869) **5.30** Blade Warriors (82395) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (6869) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (7005) **7.30** The Wonder Years (5753) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (98376) **9.00** Moonlighting (79640) **10.00** Catchphrase (83005) **10.30** The Adventures of Tintin (92753) **11.00** Lou Grant (41666) **12.00** Rhoda (74426) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (21845) **1.00** GP (99999) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (29628) **2.00** Moonlighting (65661) **3.00** Lou Grant (98048) **4.00** Rhoda (48357) **4.30** The Wonder Years (70864)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (22154) **6.30** The Grind (13395) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (20208) **8.00** VJ Ingo (432579) **11.00** Soul (22531) **12.00** Greatest Hits (13734) **1.00pm** Snowboard Special (203734) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (8319109) **3.45** Cinematic (7864014) **4.00** News at Night (6526753) **4.15** 3 from 1 (6516376) **4.30** The Pulse (45227) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (79956) **7.00** Greatest Hits (14314) **8.00** Most Wanted (66463) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (14463) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (242598) **10.15** Cinematic (230753) **10.30** News at Night (791735) **10.45** 3 from 1 (248640) **11.00** Party Zone (53685) **1.00am** Soul (33870) **2.00** The Grind (26135) **2.30** Night Videos (5436347)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (8645111) **9.00** Café (8034918) **12.00** The Bridge (3087802) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (9437550) **2.30** Heart and Soul (9182918) **3.30** Into the Music (3049127) **6.00** Prime Cuts (7922173) **7.00** For You (7979918) **8.00** Soul (7988666) **9.00** Ten of the Best (7968802) **10.00** Saturday Night Live (1389482) **10.30** Old Grey Whistle Test (1365802) **11.00** Around and Around (8632647) **12.00** The Nightfly (9978777) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (4267154) **3.00** Soul (7685203) **4.00** Ten of the Best (9942086) **5.00** Dawn Patrol

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (75111) **7.00** Asian Morning (25314) **8.30** Bunyaad (48294) **9.00** Hindi FILM (143173) **12.00** Ghar (20882) **1.00pm** New Serial (17550) **2.00** Hindi FILM: Apradh (136799) **5.00** TVA and You (4395) **5.30-6.00** Bunyaad (2802) **7.00** Urdu News (3647) **7.30** Fashion Show (1395) **8.00** News Bulletin (2395) **8.30** Serial Waqt (1802) **9.00** Hindi News (827598) **12.00** Asian Morning (497390) **1.35am** Sight and Sound

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Smith and Jones form Welsh alliance



Jones: gladiatorial

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

AT FIRST glance, the fact that Wales have selected a player called Jones to represent them at football is not surprising. Forty-nine Joneses, fine servants all, have served the Principality since international combat began. However, when closer examination reveals the new forenames as Vincent Peter — he of the clenched fist, snarling visage and lunging tackle — the entire Welsh nation could be excused a collective shudder.

Jones, 29, the Wimbledon captain, was yesterday called into the Wales squad, for the first time, for the European championship qualifying tie against Bulgaria in Cardiff on December 14. It is a match Wales dare not lose, or even draw, if their hopes of reaching the finals in England in 1996 are to be kept alive.

After successive group seven defeats against Moldavia and Georgia — the latter a 5-0 humiliation in Tbilisi last month — Mike Smith, the Wales manager, also knows his position will become untenable should Bulgaria leave the National Stadium with any reward.

To include Jones, a former hod-carrier, proud tattoo-wearer and all-round bad guy of the FA Carling Premiership, will be viewed by many as tantamount to the last throw of a distinctly dodgy dice. Jones's on-field behaviour — 136 disciplinary points in the past four years and eight dismissals in his professional career, including two this season — bears close scrutiny with the best of the worst.

"Vinnie's reputation unfortunately precedes him," Smith said. "He has had problems with his disciplinary record and I understand the situation. Some of his tackles are rash and dreadful and, sometimes, he has let himself down. But he is a big motivator, who gets everyone around him going, and that is what we need at the moment."

VINNIE JONES FACTFILE

Vincent Peter Jones
1965: Born Watford, January 5.
1986: Joined Wimbledon from Wealdstone for £10,000. Made 101 appearances, scored ten goals.
1989: Joined Leeds United for £650,000 (53/5).
1990: Joined Sheffield United for £700,000 (41/2).
1991: Joined Chelsea for £575,000 (52/7).
1992: Rejoined Wimbledon for £700,000. Has played 90 games, scoring seven goals to date.
Honours: 1988 FA Cup winner, 1990 second division championship.

Jones has been sent off eight times in his career: 1987 — v Arsenal; 1988 — v Shanklin (Isle of Wight) and v Everton; 1989 — v Everton; 1991 — v Manchester City; 1992 — v Blackburn Rovers; 1994 — v Leicester City and v Newcastle United.

Jones was booked after just five seconds against Manchester City in 1991. The following season, he was shown the yellow card after three seconds in a match against Sheffield United.

In 1992, he was fined £20,000 and given a six-month suspended sentence by the Football Association over the *Soccer's Hard Men* video.

Jones's quest for international recognition has long been an open secret. Though born in Bedmond, near Watford, England were never going to take advantage of his more agricultural talents. A check on possible Irish ancestry — he made a special trip to Dublin two years ago — could have added a new accent to Jack Charlton's blend of British-bred all-sorts, but Jones returned home frustrated. Then it was discovered that Harry, his late grandfather, was born in Ruthin, Clwyd, and thus provided Welsh roots.

Jones's arrival on the European stage will delight Sam Hammam, the Wimbledon chairman. Hammam has always taken pleasure from poking the eyes of what he scornfully calls the "football establishment" and he will view this as another victory for the impoverished little club among the greedy elite.

However, Smith's choice has nothing to do with money or the dubious practice of Premiership oneupmanship. Sure, tickets have been selling slowly for the visit of Bulgaria, the World Cup semi-finalists. Only 10,000 had gone at the last count and Jones's hard-hitting pre-match hype and gladiatorial style of play will draw a few more expectant punters to the match in 12 days' time.

But Smith's options had run dry. Wales have been craving for an inspirational midfield ball-winner throughout their European campaign, which began with an unconvincing 2-0 home win over Albania in September, and in the absence of such a player, Smith has decided that Jones fits the description.

Jones played for non-league Wealdstone before moving on to Wimbledon, Leeds United, Sheffield United, Chelsea and then back to Wimbledon two seasons ago. His combined transfer fees total £2.63 million. Controversy has followed him, with one of the most notorious episodes involving his part in the video, *Soccer's Hard Men*, which cost him a £20,000 fine and a six-month ban that was suspended for three years. At the time, Hammam described his favourite son a "mosquito brain".

"I'm absolutely ecstatic," Jones said yesterday. "My grandad died in 1979, and sadly missed all my career, but my nan is over the moon." There it is, the softer side of Vinnie Jones, who enjoys hunting, shooting, and fishing and also devotes much of his spare time to working with handicapped children. Smith may have selected from rogues' gallery but the fiftieth Jones to be capped by Wales may not be so bad after all.

WALES SQUAD: N Southall (Everton), T Roberts (QPR), A Nelson (Newcastle), A Melville (Sunderland), K Symons (Portsmouth), S Coleman (Crystal Palace), M Aizlewood (Cardiff), B Horne (Everton), G Speed (Leeds), M Bowen (Norwich), J Goss (Norwich), D Phillips (Notts Forest), D Saunders (Aston Villa), M Hughes (Man Utd), I Rush (Liverpool), R Giggs (Man Utd), I Roberts (Leicester), V Jones (Wimbledon)

Merson is suspended to undergo treatment

BY JOHN GOODBODY

PAUL Merson, the Arsenal and England forward, was yesterday suspended from professional football and given a "last chance" to rid himself of his self-confessed addiction to cocaine. However, the Football Association denied that it was letting the player off lightly without giving him either a ban or a fine for his revelations that he had sometimes spent £150 on cocaine, while indulging in drinking sprees.

Merson said that he recognised that it was his "last chance". "The FA has been brilliant, as have my club and family," he said. "I know now it is up to me." He said that he had not confessed to his problems purely for money. He reportedly received £100,000 from a national newspaper for confessing to taking drugs.

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The rehabilitation in a spartan residential centre, where television, alcohol and smoking are banned, is expected to last at least six weeks, and even when he completes this programme, Merson will have to undergo a further 18 months of monitoring and being subject to random testing. He will return to competitive football only when medical specialists, FA officials and his club agree that he has been rehabilitated. The cost of the assessment and counselling will be met by the player, although he will continue to be paid by Arsenal.

Merson, who has 14 international caps but who has recently been unable to command a regular first-team place at Highbury, said that he had become depressed about his large gambling debts: "I am a compulsive gambler. I am not a compulsive drug-taker. I do not sit indoors at night and have to take drugs, but I do sit indoors at night and have to have a bet. I am just relieved that everything is over and I can go on this course. I do not turn over a new leaf. I turn over a new life."

Merson was interviewed yesterday for 90 minutes and the FA, Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) and the club put out a joint statement afterwards, saying that he had been "very frank about those problems". "They are considerable," the statement went on. "Taking drugs, to which we are all bitterly opposed, is only one of these and arguably not the biggest. In our view, a complex and unprecedented situation demands that the first priority must be rehabilitation." However, they warned that if "at any stage he fails to comply with the programme designed to help him, disciplinary action will be inevitable".

The FA said that it "looked forward to the day when we can take up Paul Merson's offer to work on an anti-drugs programme in schools and elsewhere". The player may still be interviewed by the Hertfordshire police, who are investigating reports that drug-taking took place in pub lavatories.

Gordon Taylor, the PFA chief executive, said: "There is no shadow of a doubt that the efforts of other people in this field in other countries have shown that the best way to deal with it is not punitive, but educational."

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said: "It is a personal problem first and foremost for Paul. Once he deals with that, then we will welcome him back. He is a player of enormous talent."



MARC ASPLAND

Frankie Dettori, champion jockey elect, bids a fond farewell to Lochsong, the champion sprinter, before she sets off for her new career at stud. Queen of Speed, page 45

Lawyers ready to fight for Coulthard

BY OLIVER HOLT

THE half-anticipated retreats from entrenched positions failed to materialise yesterday and the lawyers representing the Williams and McLaren Formula One teams duly arrived in Geneva last night. This morning they are due to argue about the destination of David Coulthard for next season's championship in front of the Formula One Contract Recognition Board.

Williams refused to comment on the news that Coulthard, who raced in eight grands prix for the team last season and is regarded as one of the sport's hottest properties, had signed a contract with their pit-lane rivals to partner Mika Hakkinen at McLaren next year.

McLaren, though, did admit that their legal personnel were travelling to Switzerland to try to prove their case in front of the board, a group of lawyers acting independently of the sport's governing body, the International Motor Sport Federation.

While the arguments there are likely to centre on just when Coulthard's option with Williams expired towards the end of last season, it became clear yesterday that Nigel Mansell, the obvious alternative to Coulthard as a partner for Damon Hill at Williams in 1995, was becoming increasingly impatient with the delay in the team's decision about its driver line-up.

Mansell, who won the world championship with Williams in 1992 and cemented his return to the team at the end of last season with a win in the Australian Grand Prix in Adelaide, was still in America yesterday, finalising his move back to Britain from the United States. But his advisers confirmed reports that he was growing "restless" waiting for an announcement about Williams's intentions.

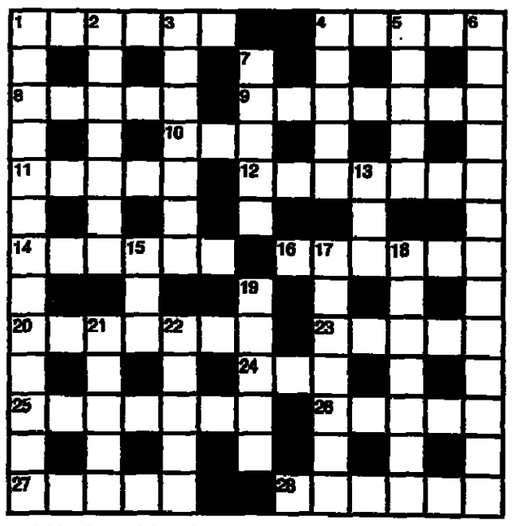
He should not have to wait much longer, however. The board will make a decision today and, although it is under no obligation to make its findings public, it seems likely that its decision will lead to a speedy resolution of the situation.

☐ The Williams-Renault British Touring Car team has denied reports that Alain Prost, the former Formula One world champion, will drive for it next year. Prost has said that, though he does not want to drive Formula One again, he would like to make a racing comeback, but a Williams spokesman said: "I have heard the stories, but I don't think there is much substance to them."

Christian Dior



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1 Remove (leader) (6)
4 Sailors' trousers (5)
8 Illegal act (5)
9 Obvious (7)
10 Purpose (3)
11 Furry fish-eating mammal (5)
12 (Eg fisherman's) waterproof material (7)
14 Take long paces (6)
16 Miserable person (6)
20 Put back into position (7)
23 Rigid (5)
24 Expression of disgust (3)
25 Belonging in local area (7)
26 Rare gas, symbol Ar (5)
27 Barely sufficient; bit short (5)
28 Edict (6)

DOWN
1 Medical advice (7,6)
2 Computer output device (7)
3 Laid on thickly, messily (7)
4 Parade-ground manoeuvres (5)
5 Loose floorboard, stiff old bones sound (5)
6 Withhold decision (3,2,3,5)
7 Evil spirit; tormenting obsession (5)
13 Use eyes (3)
15 Badly (3)
17 Mould anew (7)
18 Lever (for firing gun) (7)
19 Two (in card deck) (5)
21 NE Italy city; *Taming of Shrew* setting (5)
22 Let in; let on (5)

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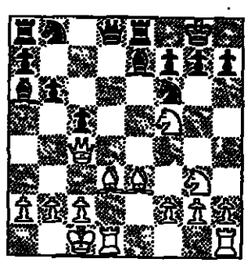
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Alekhine-Tartakower, Kecskemet 1927. How did White capture the black queen. The main combination is fairly simple, but there is a sting at the tail end. Can you see it?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

IMPOOF
a. A pottery glaze
b. To sneer at
c. The eland

JETTATURA
a. Jetsam
b. Lignite necklace
c. Bad luck

MAMALOI
a. A voodoo priestess
b. Sago stew
c. Matrilineal

MUSEAU
a. A local museum
b. A type of sonnet
c. A face

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